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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in September was estimated at 1,540,000, an increase of 11,400 over the August revised level and 14,800 higher than September, 1989.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 316,400, was 2,100 higher than the August figure. Mining remained stable for September. Construction employment was higher for September due to scattered gains throughout the special trade contractors segment. Both the durable and nondurable goods sectors contributed to the employment gain in manufacturing.

Service producing employment, estimated at 1,223,600, was 9,300 higher than the August revised figure of 1,214,300. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment increased mainly in the trucking and warehousing sectors. Trade employment was down as a result of losses in both the wholesale and retail segments. Finance, insurance, and real estate lost 100 employees in September. Seasonal gains in educational services primarily accounted for the increase in total services employment. Government employment was higher due to seasonal hiring in state education.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 130,200 production workers in manufacturing increased from $496.78 in August to $513.92 in September, an increase of $17.14, and an increase of $35.45 from September of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 higher in September than last month, and $0.63 higher than September a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 44.0 during the month, an increase of 1.1 hours from the August revised figure of 42.9 hours.

The September preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana is 7.0 percent, up from the August revised rate of 6.5 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (July, August, September) is 6.6 percent compared to 7.6 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for September is 5.5 percent. The national rate for August was 5.4 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 133,100. We experienced a normal, seasonal decline in claims for unemployment insurance.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,900,400 with a decrease in total employment to 1,767,300.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change from Aug. 1990	Net Change from Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1540.0	1528.6	1525.2	+ 11.4	+ 14.8
GOODS PRODUCING	316.4	314.3	311.6	+ 2.1	+ 4.8
MINING	55.1	55.1	54.6	0	+ 0.5
Oil and Gas Extraction	53.3	53.4	52.8	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.7	1.8	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	84.3	83.4	82.1	+ 0.9	+ 2.2
General Contractors	16.1	16.0	15.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Heavy Construction Ex. Bldg.	33.5	33.5	33.1	0	+ 0.4
Special Trade Contractors	34.7	33.9	33.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	177.0	175.8	174.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	78.0	77.8	77.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	11.7	11.7	12.1	0	- 0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.3	5.4	5.3	- 0.1	0
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	13.4	13.3	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.1	7.2	+ 0.1	0
Transportation Equipment	23.9	23.9	23.9	0	0
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.9	2.8	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	99.0	98.0	97.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	20.6	19.8	20.5	+ 0.8	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.7	9.6	9.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.3	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.9	9.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.0	28.9	28.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Inorganic Chemicals	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Organic Chemicals	10.9	10.9	10.4	0	+ 0.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.8	11.8	11.5	0	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	10.9	10.9	10.6	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	5.7	5.7	5.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	1223.6	1214.3	1213.6	+ 9.3	+10.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	106.4	106.0	106.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.6	62.0	61.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Water Transportation	25.9	25.8	25.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Communication & Public Utilities	39.0	39.2	39.3	- 0.2	- 0.3
Comm. Ex. US Postal Service	17.0	16.9	17.0	+ 0.1	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.0	22.3	22.3	- 0.3	- 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	367.6	367.9	365.4	- 0.3	+ 2.2
Wholesale Trade	84.6	84.8	84.6	- 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.3	47.5	47.4	- 0.2	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.3	37.3	37.2	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	283.0	283.1	280.8	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.2	10.3	10.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	44.8	44.8	44.7	0	+ 0.1
Food Stores	56.8	56.8	56.2	0	+ 0.6
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.8	29.8	29.6	0	+ 0.2
Apparel and Accessory	15.4	15.7	15.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	8.7	8.7	8.9	0	- 0.2
Eating and Drinking Places	87.2	87.0	86.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Other Retail Trade	30.1	30.0	29.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.5	78.6	78.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Banking	29.9	30.0	29.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Insurance	26.2	26.3	26.2	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	354.3	350.8	348.0	+ 3.5	+ 6.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.2	22.2	22.2	0	0
Personal Services	14.1	13.9	13.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Business Services	56.2	56.6	55.4	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.6	10.5	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.9	6.8	6.9	+ 0.1	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	11.2	11.3	10.6	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Health Services	112.8	112.6	109.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Hospitals	50.7	50.4	48.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Legal Services	15.1	15.4	15.0	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Educational Services	24.0	20.7	24.7	+ 3.3	- 0.7
Social Services	20.7	20.3	19.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
Membership Organizations	26.0	26.1	25.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	26.5	26.6	26.0	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Miscellaneous Services	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	316.8	311.0	315.8	+ 5.8	+ 1.0
Federal	37.3	37.7	37.1	- 0.4	+ 0.2
State and Local	279.5	273.3	278.7	+ 6.2	+ 0.8
State	96.6	89.6	93.7	+ 7.0	+ 2.9
Local	182.9	183.7	185.0	- 0.8	- 2.1

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$513.92	496.78	478.47	44.0	42.9	43.3	11.68	11.58	11.05
Durable Goods	469.14	438.90	431.42	43.6	41.8	42.8	10.76	10.50	10.08
Lumber & Wood Products	406.64	410.66	381.81	44.2	44.3	42.9	9.20	9.27	8.90
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	395.75	427.49	384.89	40.3	43.4	41.7	9.82	9.85	9.23
Fabricated Metal Products	441.60	424.23	442.27	45.2	43.6	44.9	9.77	9.73	9.85
Machinery, ex. Electrical	457.97	447.03	415.41	46.4	45.2	45.7	9.87	9.89	9.09
Electric & Electronic Equip.	749.33	669.19	598.00	48.5	44.2	46.0	15.45	15.14	13.00
Transportation Equipment	465.28	385.89	437.66	40.6	36.2	40.3	11.46	10.66	10.86
Nondurable Goods	552.42	547.94	519.59	44.3	43.8	43.7	12.47	12.51	11.89
Food & Kindred Products	351.68	339.04	336.82	44.8	43.3	43.8	7.85	7.83	7.69
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	220.22	212.05	210.92	36.4	35.4	37.2	6.05	5.99	5.67
Paper & Allied Products	629.95	638.85	581.30	44.3	44.8	42.9	14.22	14.26	13.55
Printing & Publishing	437.27	415.01	402.98	39.5	37.9	38.6	11.07	10.95	10.44
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	732.05	736.68	729.23	45.3	45.7	46.3	16.16	16.12	15.75
Petroleum & Coal Products	880.74	856.99	767.79	51.9	50.5	47.6	16.97	16.97	16.13
Petroleum Refining	898.88	874.78	784.60	52.2	50.8	47.9	17.22	17.22	16.38
MINING	616.13	596.23	566.19	48.4	48.2	46.6	12.73	12.37	12.15
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	530.46	528.74	516.22	42.1	41.6	41.1	12.60	12.71	12.56
BANKING	265.36	299.15	285.87	36.4	40.1	39.0	7.29	7.46	7.33

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 130,200 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 92,500 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$609.02	$595.24	$589.57	44.1	43.8	44.8	$13.81	$13.59	$13.16
Chemicals and Petro Products	767.04	743.35	773.38	45.2	44.3	46.9	16.97	16.78	16.49

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**
All MANUFACTURING	$472.92	$471.94	$446.19	42.0	42.1	41.7	$11.26	$11.21	$10.70
Durable Goods	400.93	409.86	386.63	39.5	40.5	40.4	10.15	10.12	9.57
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	362.84	405.23	357.58	37.1	42.3	37.6	9.78	9.58	9.51
Fabricated Metal Products	393.26	379.37	417.18	40.5	39.6	42.7	9.71	9.58	9.77
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	364.60	370.72	358.78	38.5	38.9	39.6	9.47	9.53	9.06
Nondurable Goods	552.38	540.41	512.03	44.8	43.9	43.1	12.33	12.31	11.88
Food & Kindred Products	407.39	370.30	346.92	43.9	41.7	39.2	9.28	8.88	8.85
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	229.68	232.84	219.47	36.4	36.9	36.7	6.31	6.31	5.98
Printing & Publishing	399.15	376.87	387.43	40.4	37.8	39.9	9.88	9.97	9.71
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	781.25	793.49	788.42	47.9	48.8	49.4	16.31	16.26	15.96

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**	Sept. '90*	Aug. '90**	Sept. '89**
All MANUFACTURING	$537.59	$429.52	$456.50	45.1	38.8	41.2	$11.92	$11.07	$11.08
Lumber and Wood Products	363.40	383.87	508.90	46.0	47.1	51.3	7.90	8.15	9.92
Food and Kindred Products	405.53	462.80	392.05	47.1	52.0	44.5	8.61	8.90	8.81
Printing and Publishing	394.60	397.55	368.52	38.8	38.3	36.2	10.17	10.38	10.18
Chemicals & Allied Products	605.67	622.90	559.48	44.6	45.6	46.2	13.58	13.66	12.11

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER, 1990				REVISED AUGUST, 1990				REVISED SEPTEMBER, 1989			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1900.4	1767.3	133.1	7.0	1907.0	1784.0	123.0	6.5	1908.6	1780.8	127.8	6.7
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	58.1	53.9	4.2	7.2	58.8	54.7	4.1	7.0	60.1	56.1	4.0	6.7
Baton Rouge 2/	271.2	254.6	16.6	6.1	272.1	256.3	15.8	5.8	271.6	256.3	15.3	5.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	69.1	64.8	4.3	6.2	70.6	66.9	3.7	5.2	68.2	64.1	4.1	6.0
Lafayette 4/	102.3	96.5	5.8	5.6	102.6	97.9	4.7	4.6	99.6	94.0	5.6	5.7
Lake Charles 5/	76.0	70.3	5.7	7.6	75.9	70.6	5.3	7.0	76.4	71.1	5.3	6.9
Monroe 6/	67.7	62.9	4.8	7.0	68.2	64.1	4.1	6.0	68.6	64.4	4.2	6.1
New Orleans 7/	591.1	551.5	39.6	6.7	596.2	559.9	36.3	6.1	601.8	563.0	38.8	6.4
Shreveport 8/	155.9	144.8	11.1	7.1	155.9	145.8	10.1	6.5	157.9	146.8	11.1	7.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
September 1989	125.0		
September 1990	132.7	+ 0.8	+ 6.2

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 90				REVISED AUGUST 90			
AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,400	19,725	1,675	7.8	21,550	19,800	1,750	8.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,775	8,800	975	10.0	9,925	9,050	875	8.9
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,200	5,625	575	9.2	6,075	5,550	525	8.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,400	14,925	1,475	8.9	14,975	13,500	1,475	9.8
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,375	12,425	950	7.1	13,075	12,150	925	7.0
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,575	6,100	475	7.3	6,625	6,175	450	6.7
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,275	3,950	325	7.7	3,850	3,550	300	7.8
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,600	4,400	200	4.3	4,650	4,475	175	3.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,475	3,150	325	9.6	3,525	3,175	350	9.7
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,425	6,950	475	6.3	7,575	7,025	550	7.1
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,075	8,175	900	10.0	9,150	8,250	900	9.7
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,425	10,575	850	7.5	11,700	10,950	750	6.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,175	2,925	250	7.9	3,200	2,900	300	9.6
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,275	6,775	500	6.9	7,150	6,675	475	6.5
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,700	12,650	1,050	7.7	13,025	12,075	950	7.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,575	7,875	700	8.2	8,275	7,650	625	7.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,100	6,575	525	7.5	7,325	6,700	625	8.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,975	24,225	1,750	6.7	26,400	24,925	1,475	5.6
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,250	10,225	1,025	9.1	11,125	10,125	1,000	9.0
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,450	6,050	400	6.2	6,450	6,150	300	4.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,300	10,350	950	8.5	11,675	10,475	1,200	10.3
JENA (LASALLE)	5,950	5,525	425	7.2	5,950	5,675	275	4.6
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,300	17,450	850	4.6	16,750	16,150	600	3.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,300	4,825	475	8.9	5,400	4,925	475	8.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,850	11,475	1,375	10.6	12,875	11,675	1,200	9.3
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,800	14,675	1,125	7.1	15,875	14,775	1,100	7.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,725	8,150	575	6.6	8,575	8,050	525	6.2
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,225	6,350	875	12.0	7,325	6,425	900	12.1
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,075	3,775	300	7.5	4,075	3,750	325	8.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,225	7,325	900	11.1	8,700	7,800	900	10.4
MANY (SABINE)	9,925	9,400	525	5.3	10,000	9,500	500	4.8
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,750	2,475	275	10.0	2,750	2,475	275	10.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,825	8,025	800	9.1	8,450	7,675	775	9.0
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,900	28,000	2,900	9.4	30,875	28,175	2,700	8.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,250	22,475	1,775	7.3	24,550	22,925	1,625	6.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,100	34,475	3,625	9.5	38,325	34,900	3,425	8.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,550	2,400	150	6.3	2,650	2,450	200	7.0
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,375	7,725	650	7.9	8,300	7,725	575	6.9
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,175	17,025	1,150	6.4	18,775	17,575	1,200	6.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,925	17,575	1,350	7.1	18,425	17,250	1,175	6.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,025	16,300	1,725	9.6	18,175	16,675	1,500	8.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,375	16,650	1,725	9.4	18,275	16,650	1,625	8.9
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,275	3,825	450	10.3	4,225	3,725	500	11.7
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,275	4,050	225	5.4	4,175	3,925	250	6.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,025	5,600	425	6.9	5,925	5,625	300	5.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.6	45.3	46.2	+ 0.3	- 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	6.1	6.2	6.8	- 0.1	- 0.7
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.6	3.2	0	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	3.4	3.5	3.4	- 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.5	1.4	- 0.1	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	39.5	39.1	39.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.2	10.3	10.6	- 0.1	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.3	8.4	8.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.4	2.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	11.9	11.8	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Health Services	5.4	5.5	5.1	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.7	12.2	12.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.2
Federal	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	9.9	9.4	9.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
State	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	5.3	4.9	5.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,600 for the current month. This estimate was 300 more than last month but 600 less than September, 1989.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,100 for September. This estimate was 100 less than August due to a decrease in nondurable goods manufacturing. Compared to September of last year, this figure declined by 700 with the largest decline centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 39,500. This estimate increased 400 from last month and 100 from September, 1989. The increase from last month was centered in state and local government, reflecting increased employment at the start of the new school year. The increase in employment from last year was centered in the services and government industries.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	232.6	229.3	229.3	+ 3.3	+ 3.3
GOODS PRODUCING	49.4	49.1	47.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	26.5	26.3	25.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	22.1	22.0	21.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Durable Goods	5.1	5.0	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	17.0	17.0	16.5	0	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.0	12.0	11.6	0	+ 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	183.2	180.2	182.1	+ 3.0	+ 1.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	10.5	10.5	10.5	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.4	54.3	53.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.1	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.6	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	42.1	42.0	41.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.1	13.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	50.6	50.5	50.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	54.7	51.8	54.4	+ 2.9	+ 0.3
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	52.2	49.3	52.0	+ 2.9	+ 0.2
State	30.1	27.2	30.1	+ 2.9	0
Local	22.1	22.1	21.9	0	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Seasonal advances in government resulted in an over-the-month rise of 3,300 in the total nonagricultural employment estimate for the Baton Rouge MSA, bringing the preliminary total to 232,600 for September. This figure was also 3,300 greater than the year-ago revised level.

Goods producing employment increased by 300 to 49,400 for September. Construction employment was boosted by increases in the general and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing employment rose by 100 due to more business in fabricated metal products.

Service producing employment increased by 3,000 to 183,200 for September. The largest gain was in government due to the return of students and faculty to state colleges and universities. Finance, insurance, and real estate was the only industry reporting a loss of employment due to less activity in insurance carriers. Trade employment rebounded over the month, gaining 100 in retail grocery stores. The services industry, triggered by more business in both miscellaneous repair shops and business services, expanded to 50,600 for September.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,500 production workers in all manufacturing was $609.02 for September, an increase of $13.78 from the August average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $19.45. Average weekly hours at 44.1, increased by 0.3 hours. Average hourly earnings at $13.81 increased by $0.22 per hour. A longer workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 271,200 in September. Estimated employment declined to 254,600, while unemployment rose to 16,600. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 6.1 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,491 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,789 referrals to current openings resulted in 231 placements during the month of September.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.6	57.1	54.4	- 0.5	+ 2.2
GOODS PRODUCING	12.7	12.9	12.3	- 0.2	+ 0.4
MINING	5.5	5.7	5.5	- 0.2	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	5.3	5.2	4.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	3.7	3.6	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.9	0	- 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	43.9	44.2	42.1	- 0.3	+ 1.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.6	6.6	6.3	0	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.6	14.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.2	3.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.4	11.4	11.0	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.7	10.5	9.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	10.1	10.4	9.8	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	9.6	9.9	9.3	- 0.3	+ 0.3
State	2.4	2.6	2.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Local	7.2	7.3	7.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA moved down to 56,600, a level 500 below August. Decreases were shown in both the goods and service producing segments. Most of the changes were seasonal.

Goods producing employment decreased to 12,700, down 200 from the August revised level, but 400 above the September, 1989 figure. Mining adjusted downward from the summer level. Construction tapered off mostly in heavy construction. Manufacturing employment increased as a result of more contracts for the durable goods segment.

Service producing employment exhibited an overall loss of 300. Trade lost 200 workers in the wholesale durable goods sector. Services employment was boosted by gains in the business and private health sectors. A downturn in state and local government was responsible for the decrease in government employment.

Estimated unemployment was 4,300 in September. Unemployment presently comprises 6.2 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 464.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	92.8	92.2	87.5	+ 0.6	+ 5.3
GOODS PRODUCING	24.2	24.2	22.3	0	+ 1.9
MINING	12.0	11.9	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.8	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.5	7.5	0	+ 1.0
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	6.3	6.3	5.4	0	+ 0.9
SERVICE PRODUCING	68.6	68.0	65.2	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.4	6.2	6.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	24.7	24.4	23.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade	5.9	5.8	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	18.8	18.6	18.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.2	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	21.0	21.1	19.4	- 0.1	+ 1.6
GOVERNMENT	13.2	13.1	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Federal	1.0	1.0	0.8	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	12.2	12.1	11.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	4.9	4.0	4.9	+ 0.9	0
Local	7.3	8.1	6.8	- 0.8	+ 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA for September was estimated at 92,800, an increase of 600 jobs over the August revised figure of 92,200.

Goods producing employment for September was estimated at 24,200. This figure was unchanged from last month but was 1,900 higher than September, 1989.

Service producing employment in September was estimated at 68,600, an increase of 600 above the August revised level. Transportation, communications, and public utilities increased by 200 jobs with the increase centered in the transportation sector. Trade rose by 300 due to increased employment in eating and drinking places and wholesale distribution of prescription drugs. Finance, insurance, and real estate and government each had a gain of 100. Services employment decreased by 100 in September.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	63.6	62.8	62.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
GOODS PRODUCING	16.8	16.8	17.3	0	- 0.5
MINING	1.1	1.1	0.9	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.4	4.3	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.6
MANUFACTURING	11.3	11.4	11.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.5	0	+ 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.8	46.0	45.3	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.3	4.1	3.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.2	15.0	15.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	12.0	11.9	12.0	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0
SERVICES	13.5	13.1	12.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	10.7	10.7	10.5	0	+ 0.2
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.2	9.9	0	+ 0.3
State	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment was estimated at 63,600 for September, an increase of 800 from the August, 1990 level.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 16,800, was unchanged from the August figure, but was 500 less than the year-ago figure.

Service producing employment, estimated at 46,800, was a gain of 800 over the August revised level of 46,000. The transportation, communications, and public utilities and trade sectors each rose by 200. Services gained 400 for September, with the gain being in the health, social, and amusement and recreational services sectors.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.0	56.6	56.1	- 0.6	- 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	11.0	11.0	10.7	0	+ 0.3
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.7	2.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.7	7.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.5	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.7	0.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.8	4.6	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.0	45.6	45.4	- 0.6	- 0.4
TRANSP. COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.7	2.8	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.2	14.3	14.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	10.4	10.5	10.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
General Mdse. and Apprl. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.3	4.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.9	12.8	12.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.0	11.4	11.1	- 0.4	- 0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.3	10.7	10.5	- 0.4	- 0.2
State	4.7	3.9	4.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.1
Local	5.6	6.8	5.9	- 1.2	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment declined by 600 to an estimated 56,000 during September. This was 100 below the same period one year ago.

Goods producing employment was unchanged over the month but was 300 higher than September of last year.

Service producing employment declined by 600 over the month. Government experienced the greatest loss as local government completed special projects. The only employment gain for the month was in services. All other segments declined by 100 each.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Net Change From Aug. 1990	Net Change From Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	533.8	532.8	530.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.9
GOODS PRODUCING	83.0	82.0	81.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
MINING	14.4	14.5	14.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.1	14.2	14.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	24.1	23.4	22.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	44.5	44.1	44.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	23.7	23.5	23.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
Transportation Equipment	14.2	14.0	14.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.6	10.4	10.7	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.8	20.6	20.9	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	5.4	5.2	5.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	2.0	0	- 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	450.8	450.8	449.5	0	+ 1.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	43.5	43.4	43.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.3	8.3	8.3	0	0
Water Transportation	13.1	12.9	12.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Comm. & Public Util.	13.0	13.1	13.0	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	135.6	135.8	136.6	- 0.2	- 1.0
Wholesale Trade	32.1	32.2	32.9	- 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.4	18.6	18.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.7	13.6	14.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Retail Trade	103.5	103.6	103.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
General Merchandise	13.1	13.2	12.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Food Stores	20.3	20.3	20.3	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	36.3	36.1	36.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.4	32.7	33.3	- 0.3	- 0.9
Banking	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	151.6	148.1	150.1	+ 3.5	+ 1.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.0	13.9	14.0	+ 0.1	0
Health Services	40.4	40.2	39.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Educational Services	17.5	14.4	17.3	+ 3.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	87.7	90.8	86.1	- 3.1	+ 1.6
Federal	16.4	16.4	16.2	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	71.3	74.4	69.9	- 3.1	+ 1.4
State	18.8	17.6	18.6	+ 1.2	+ 0.2
Local	52.5	56.8	51.3	- 4.3	+ 1.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA for September increased to 533,800, a level 1,000 above August. Gains were mostly seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment increased to 83,000, up 1,000 from the August revised level, and 1,600 above the September, 1989 figure. Construction made advancements mostly in heavy construction. The beginning of a large temporary project accounted for a significant portion of the increase. Manufacturing showed an overall increase as a result of more business in both the durable and nondurable goods segments. Mining eased down in oil and gas extraction.

Service producing employment remained unchanged from the previous month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities moved up as local port activity increased. Trade adjusted downward. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited a small loss in most segments. Seasonal gains in private educational services were mostly responsible for the boost in total services employment. Government displayed a considerable decrease in local government as temporary summer work programs came to an end.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $472.92 per week, up $0.98 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 42.0, down 0.1 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.26, up five cents from August and $0.56 over September of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 39,600 for September. The unemployment rate registered 6.7 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment totaled 6,251.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Sept. 1990*	Aug. 1990**	Sept. 1989**	Aug. 1990	Sept. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.1	130.8	131.5	+ 1.3	+ 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	26.9	27.0	26.3	- 0.1	+ 0.6
MINING	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.0	6.1	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	17.9	17.8	17.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	12.7	12.5	12.7	+ 0.2	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.2	5.1	5.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.8	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.3	5.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.8	0.7	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	105.2	103.8	105.2	+ 1.4	0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.8	33.1	32.6	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	7.7	7.9	7.9	- 0.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	25.1	25.2	24.7	- 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	32.9	33.0	32.9	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	24.9	23.1	25.2	+ 1.8	- 0.3
Federal	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 0.1	0
State and Local	20.0	18.1	20.3	+ 1.9	- 0.3
State	5.8	5.6	6.1	+ 0.2	- 0.3
Local	14.2	12.5	14.2	+ 1.7	0

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The total nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimate of 132,100 for September shows a seasonal increase from the August revised estimate of 130,800. This is a net gain of 600 from one year ago.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 26,900, fell slightly from the August revised estimate of 27,000, but has gained 600 jobs since September, 1989. This over-the-year gain was due primarily to increased construction activities on interstate highway projects.

Employment in the service producing industries, estimated at 105,200, showed an increase of 1,400 between August and September due to the hiring of support staff for public schools and colleges. Trade declined in both the wholesale and retail segments. Services employment was lower by 100.

Average weekly earnings of 13,600 production workers in the Shreveport area increased to $537.59, up from $429.52 in August and $456.50 one year ago. Average weekly hours increased to 45.1, up from 38.8 in August and 41.2 in September, 1989. The average hourly earnings rose to $11.92, up from $11.07 in August and $11.08 one year ago.

The Shreveport area had a civilian labor force estimated at 155,900, including 144,800 employed and 11,100 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 7.1 percent. The unemployment rate averaged 6.6 percent for July, August and September, compared to an average of 7.8 percent for the same period one year ago.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during October was estimated at 1,546,100, an increase of 6,800 employees from the September revised level and 21,500 above the comparable period a year ago.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 317,300, was 1,100 higher than the September figure. Mining employment rose due to an increase in the exploration of oil and gas. An upturn in heavy construction activity contributed to the higher construction payrolls in October. Manufacturing employment was higher due to expansions in the transportation equipment and food and kindred products segments.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,228,800 for October, an increase of 5,700 from the September estimate. A decrease in trucking and warehousing payrolls contributed to the downturn in transportation, communications, and public utilities employment. Less business for eating and drinking places was instrumental in lowering the employment level for trade. Employment losses in insurance and holding and other investment offices were significant in the downturn of finance, insurance, and real estate. Increases in business, health and educational services accounted for much of the gain in the total services industry. Government employment was higher as a result of increases in state and local government.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 130,000 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $514.80 in September to $509.87 in October, a decrease of $4.93, but an increase of $32.04 from October of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.13 higher in October than last month, and $0.82 higher than October a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 43.1 during the month, a decrease of 0.9 hours from the September revised figure of 44.0 hours.

The October preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana is 6.0 percent, down from the September revised rate of 7.0 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (August, September, October) is 6.5 percent compared to 6.9 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for October is 5.4 percent. The national rate for September was 5.5 percent.

Total unemployment decreased to 113,600. We experienced a slight decline in claims for unemployment insurance.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,894,000 with an increase in total employment to 1,780,400.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1546.1	1539.3	1524.6	+ 6.8	+ 21.5
GOODS PRODUCING	317.3	316.2	312.1	+ 1.1	+ 5.2
MINING	55.5	55.0	54.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.6
Oil and Gas Extraction	53.8	53.2	53.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	84.7	84.2	83.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
General Contractors	15.9	16.1	15.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Heavy Construction Ex. Bldg.	34.4	33.8	33.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Special Trade Contractors	34.4	34.3	33.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	177.1	177.0	174.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	78.3	78.2	75.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	11.9	12.0	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	13.4	13.4	12.4	0	+ 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.2	7.3	0	- 0.1
Transportation Equipment	24.1	24.0	22.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	98.8	98.8	98.7	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	20.7	20.5	21.4	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.7	9.7	10.2	0	- 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	12.2	12.3	12.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.8	9.7	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.0	29.0	28.2	0	+ 0.8
Inorganic Chemicals	5.8	5.8	5.6	0	+ 0.2
Organic Chemicals	10.9	10.9	10.4	0	+ 0.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.7	11.8	11.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.8	10.9	10.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	5.7	5.7	5.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	1228.8	1223.1	1212.5	+ 5.7	+16.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	105.9	106.2	105.9	- 0.3	0
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.3	62.5	61.7	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	25.9	25.9	25.5	0	+ 0.4
Communication & Public Utilities	38.8	38.9	39.3	- 0.1	- 0.5
Comm. Ex. US Postal Service	16.9	16.9	17.0	0	- 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	21.9	22.0	22.3	- 0.1	- 0.4

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change from Sept. 1990	Net Change from Oct. 1989
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	366.8	367.1	365.8	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	84.6	84.5	84.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.3	47.3	47.2	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.3	37.2	37.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	282.2	282.6	281.4	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.3	10.3	10.0	0	+ 0.3
General Merchandise	44.9	44.6	44.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Food Stores	56.9	56.8	56.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.8	29.8	29.8	0	0
Apparel and Accessory	15.3	15.4	15.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	8.6	8.6	8.7	0	- 0.1
Eating and Drinking Places	86.3	87.0	86.3	- 0.7	0
Other Retail Trade	30.1	30.1	30.0	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.5	78.6	77.9	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Banking	30.0	29.9	29.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Insurance	26.1	26.2	25.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
SERVICES	355.2	353.9	348.9	+ 1.3	+ 6.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.5	22.3	22.5	+ 0.2	0
Personal Services	14.0	14.1	13.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Business Services	56.8	56.2	55.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.9	6.8	- 0.1	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	11.1	11.1	10.4	0	+ 0.7
Health Services	113.2	112.9	108.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.4
Hospitals	50.9	50.7	48.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Legal Services	15.3	15.2	15.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Educational Services	23.2	22.9	25.6	+ 0.3	- 2.4
Social Services	20.7	20.7	20.0	0	+ 0.7
Membership Organizations	26.4	26.5	25.9	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	26.8	26.6	25.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Miscellaneous Services	3.8	3.9	3.8	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	322.4	317.3	314.0	+ 5.1	+ 8.4
Federal	37.0	37.2	37.3	- 0.2	- 0.3
State and Local	285.4	280.1	276.7	+ 5.3	+ 8.7
State	100.1	97.6	95.6	+ 2.5	+ 4.5
Local	185.3	182.5	181.1	+ 2.8	+ 4.2

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* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$509.87	514.80	477.83	43.1	44.0	43.4	11.83	11.70	11.01
Durable Goods	463.97	467.63	425.86	43.0	43.5	42.8	10.79	10.75	9.95
Lumber & Wood Products	391.62	406.23	392.94	42.8	44.3	44.2	9.15	9.17	8.89
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	414.50	391.04	384.22	41.7	39.3	41.9	9.94	9.95	9.17
Fabricated Metal Products	425.95	438.75	426.17	43.2	45.0	43.8	9.86	9.75	9.73
Machinery, ex. Electrical	448.55	464.14	398.24	44.9	46.6	43.1	9.99	9.96	9.24
Electric & Electronic Equip.	719.66	745.17	578.76	46.4	48.2	44.9	15.51	15.46	12.89
Transportation Equipment	472.06	464.87	429.93	41.3	40.6	41.3	11.43	11.45	10.41
Nondurable Goods	552.08	555.44	522.72	43.3	44.4	44.0	12.75	12.51	11.88
Food & Kindred Products	324.32	350.00	344.71	42.9	44.7	45.9	7.56	7.83	7.51
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	210.60	217.20	204.61	35.1	36.2	36.8	6.00	6.00	5.56
Paper & Allied Products	673.16	630.20	599.94	45.7	44.6	43.6	14.73	14.13	13.76
Printing & Publishing	429.62	423.62	391.78	38.6	38.9	38.0	11.13	10.89	10.31
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	762.64	734.83	745.44	45.1	45.5	46.1	16.91	16.15	16.17
Petroleum & Coal Products	849.28	903.20	771.46	48.2	51.7	47.3	17.62	17.47	16.31
Petroleum Refining	865.67	922.26	784.71	48.2	51.9	47.3	17.96	17.77	16.59
MINING	588.89	626.74	546.38	46.7	48.1	46.5	12.61	13.03	11.75
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	533.39	550.40	524.10	41.9	42.7	41.3	12.73	12.89	12.69
BANKING	267.84	265.72	281.53	36.0	36.4	38.2	7.44	7.30	7.37

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 130,000 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 92,900 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$609.98	$606.42	$584.77	43.2	44.2	44.1	$14.12	$13.72	$13.26
Chemicals and Petro Products	779.25	777.02	773.87	44.1	45.6	45.9	17.67	17.04	16.86

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**
All MANUFACTURING	$462.44	$469.28	$450.84	41.4	41.9	41.9	$11.17	$11.20	$10.76
Durable Goods	398.97	401.15	386.65	40.3	39.6	40.7	9.90	10.13	9.50
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	333.44	335.95	357.67	35.7	33.9	38.5	9.34	9.91	9.29
Fabricated Metal Products	382.93	412.41	381.39	39.6	41.7	41.5	9.67	9.89	9.19
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	374.94	365.16	368.34	40.1	38.6	40.7	9.35	9.46	9.05
Nondurable Goods	534.60	545.57	522.29	42.7	44.5	43.2	12.52	12.26	12.09
Food & Kindred Products	351.20	405.20	360.69	40.0	43.9	40.3	8.78	9.23	8.95
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	234.99	229.68	208.82	37.3	36.4	36.7	6.30	6.31	5.69
Printing & Publishing	401.17	377.28	379.89	39.1	39.3	40.5	10.26	9.60	9.38
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	818.24	779.62	800.25	47.6	47.8	48.5	17.19	16.31	16.50

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,300 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**	Oct. '90*	Sept. '90**	Oct. '89**
All MANUFACTURING	$556.28	$541.00	$447.20	45.3	45.5	41.6	$12.28	$11.89	$10.75
Lumber and Wood Products	405.57	430.20	453.94	49.4	52.4	44.9	8.21	8.21	10.11
Food and Kindred Products	392.46	405.53	363.08	46.5	47.1	41.4	8.44	8.61	8.77
Printing and Publishing	388.50	389.47	360.38	37.5	38.6	37.0	10.36	10.09	9.74
Chemicals & Allied Products	580.65	602.98	610.37	43.3	44.5	46.7	13.41	13.55	13.07

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER, 1990				REVISED SEPTEMBER, 1990				REVISED OCTOBER, 1989			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1894.0	1780.4	113.6	6.0	1900.7	1767.1	133.6	7.0	1919.8	1792.3	127.5	6.6
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.5	54.0	3.5	6.1	57.6	53.4	4.2	7.3	60.4	56.6	3.8	6.4
Baton Rouge 2/	270.0	255.9	14.1	5.2	269.7	253.1	16.6	6.2	274.4	259.1	15.3	5.6
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.3	66.7	3.6	5.1	68.7	64.4	4.3	6.3	69.9	65.9	4.0	5.8
Lafayette 4/	103.4	98.7	4.7	4.5	102.1	96.4	5.7	5.6	101.2	95.7	5.5	5.4
Lake Charles 5/	75.8	70.9	4.9	6.5	75.6	69.9	5.7	7.5	76.9	71.7	5.2	6.8
Monroe 6/	67.8	63.8	4.0	5.9	67.3	62.5	4.8	7.1	69.1	64.7	4.4	6.4
New Orleans 7/	589.5	555.3	34.2	5.8	598.3	558.2	40.1	6.7	602.6	565.9	36.7	6.1
Shreveport 8/	155.7	145.9	9.8	6.3	155.1	144.0	11.1	7.2	160.3	145.7	14.6	9.1

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
October 1989	125.6		
October 1990	133.5	+ 0.6	+ 6.3

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 90				REVISED SEPTEMBER 90			
AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,150	19,850	1,300	6.1	21,275	19,600	1,675	7.8
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,600	8,750	850	8.8	9,725	8,750	975	10.1
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,175	5,700	475	7.7	6,150	5,575	575	9.3
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,175	14,950	1,225	7.6	16,300	14,850	1,450	8.9
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,325	12,450	875	6.5	13,325	12,375	950	7.1
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,450	6,075	375	6.0	6,575	6,075	500	7.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,275	3,950	325	7.6	4,250	3,925	325	7.8
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,775	4,350	425	9.1	4,575	4,375	200	4.3
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,400	3,125	275	8.2	3,450	3,125	325	9.8
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,375	7,000	375	5.2	7,400	6,925	475	6.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	8,875	8,175	700	7.9	9,025	8,125	900	10.1
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,275	10,575	700	6.2	11,375	10,525	850	7.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,175	2,950	225	7.2	3,175	2,925	250	8.0
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,175	6,825	350	4.9	7,225	6,725	500	6.9
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,600	12,775	825	6.2	13,625	12,575	1,050	7.8
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,350	7,800	550	6.8	8,525	7,825	700	8.2
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,100	6,675	425	6.0	7,050	6,525	525	7.5
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,000	24,425	1,575	6.0	25,750	24,050	1,700	6.6
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,075	10,250	825	7.5	11,225	10,175	1,050	9.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,375	6,050	325	5.1	6,400	6,000	400	6.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,050	10,275	775	7.0	11,225	10,275	950	8.5
JENA (LASALLE)	5,775	5,475	300	5.2	5,925	5,500	425	7.2
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,150	17,550	600	3.3	18,200	17,350	850	4.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,200	4,825	375	7.5	5,275	4,800	475	9.0
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,750	11,575	1,175	9.3	12,800	11,400	1,400	10.9
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,450	14,525	925	6.1	15,725	14,600	1,125	7.1
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,800	8,200	600	6.7	8,675	8,100	575	6.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,175	6,475	700	9.8	7,175	6,300	875	12.1
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,050	3,775	275	6.8	4,050	3,750	300	7.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	7,900	7,275	625	8.0	8,175	7,275	900	11.1
MANY (SABINE)	9,900	9,425	475	4.7	9,875	9,350	525	5.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,725	2,500	225	8.1	2,725	2,450	275	10.1
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,850	8,200	650	7.5	8,800	7,975	825	9.3
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,475	28,025	2,450	8.1	30,750	27,825	2,925	9.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,950	22,400	1,550	6.5	24,100	22,325	1,775	7.4
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,550	34,425	3,125	8.3	37,900	34,250	3,650	9.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,575	2,400	175	6.5	2,525	2,375	150	6.3
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,300	7,775	525	6.3	8,350	7,675	675	8.0
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,475	17,150	1,325	7.1	18,075	16,925	1,150	6.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,650	17,550	1,100	5.9	18,850	17,500	1,350	7.1
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,775	16,300	1,475	8.4	17,925	16,200	1,725	9.7
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,250	16,825	1,425	7.8	18,275	16,550	1,725	9.4
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,300	3,875	425	9.9	4,250	3,800	450	10.5
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,300	4,100	200	4.9	4,275	4,050	225	5.5
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,600	325	5.4	6,000	5,575	425	6.9

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.6	46.4	- 0.1	- 0.9
GOODS PRODUCING	6.0	6.1	6.6	- 0.1	- 0.6
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.6	3.0	0	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.4	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	39.5	39.5	39.8	0	- 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.4	2.3	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.0	10.2	10.6	- 0.2	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	1.8	1.9	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	8.2	8.3	8.7	- 0.1	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	12.0	11.9	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.1	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.7	12.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	2.8	2.8	3.0	0	- 0.2
State and Local	10.1	9.9	9.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
State	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.5	5.3	5.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,500 for the current month. This estimate was 100 less than last month, and 900 less than October, 1989.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,000 for October. This estimate was 100 less than September as a result of a decrease in durable goods. Compared to October of last year, this figure declined by 600 with the largest decline centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 39,500. This estimate was unchanged from last month, but decreased by 300 from October, 1989. The decrease in employment from last year was centered in the trade and finance, insurance, and real estate industries.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From	
				Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	232.5	232.4	230.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
GOODS PRODUCING	49.6	49.4	48.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	26.7	26.5	26.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	22.1	22.1	21.5	0	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	17.0	17.0	16.6	0	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	1.8	1.9	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.0	12.0	11.6	0	+ 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.8	1.7	- 0.1	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	182.9	183.0	182.3	- 0.1	+ 0.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.4	54.4	53.9	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.2	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	42.1	42.1	41.7	0	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	8.0	8.0	7.9	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	13.1	0	- 0.1
Banking	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	50.4	50.5	50.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	54.7	54.6	54.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
State and Local	52.3	52.2	52.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	30.2	30.1	30.2	+ 0.1	0
Local	22.1	22.1	21.9	0	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 232,500 during October, up 100 from the September revised estimate and up 1,600 over the comparable period a year ago.

Goods producing employment continued to climb to 49,600. The increase was due to more business in heavy and special trade construction. Mining and manufacturing employment remained unchanged from the September level.

Service producing employment declined 100 in October to 182,900. This was due to seasonal losses in water transportation and the dismissal of temporary workers in amusement and recreation services. Government employment continued to increase in October to 54,700, due to seasonal increases at state colleges and universities.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,800 production workers in all manufacturing were $609.98 for October, an increase of $3.56 from the September average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $25.21. Average weekly hours, at 43.2, decreased by one hour while average hourly earnings, at $14.12, increased by $0.40 per hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA was 270,000, comprised of 255,900 employed and 14,100 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 5.2 percent for October.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,781 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,045 referrals to current openings resulted in 152 placements during the month of October.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.7	56.5	55.7	+ 1.2	+ 2.0
GOODS PRODUCING	13.0	12.8	12.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MINING	5.6	5.5	5.6	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
MANUFACTURING	5.5	5.4	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	3.8	3.7	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	2.1	0	- 0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.7	43.7	43.1	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.6	6.6	6.3	0	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.4	14.6	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.4	11.4	11.4	0	0
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.7	10.5	9.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	10.9	10.1	10.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.4	9.6	10.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
State	3.1	2.4	2.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
Local	7.3	7.2	7.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA increased to 57,700, a level 1,200 above September. Gains were shown in both the goods and service producing segments. Changes were mostly seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment increased to 13,000, up 200 from the September revised level, and 400 above the October, 1989 figure. Mining increased due to more activity in the oil and gas industry. In manufacturing, durable goods exhibited a gain due to increased orders. Construction remained unchanged over the month.

Service producing employment showed an overall gain of 1,000. Government employment was boosted by a normal seasonal increase in education employment at the state and local government level. Services increased, mostly in business services.

Estimated unemployment was 3,600 in October. Unemployment presently comprises 5.1 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 464.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	94.1	92.8	89.0	+ 1.3	+ 5.1
GOODS PRODUCING	24.5	24.2	23.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
MINING	12.2	12.1	11.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	3.8	3.7	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	8.5	8.4	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	6.4	6.2	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
SERVICE PRODUCING	69.6	68.6	65.8	+ 1.0	+ 3.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.8	6.5	6.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.3	24.5	24.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	6.0	5.8	5.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	19.3	18.7	18.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
General Merchandise	3.1	3.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	20.9	21.2	19.5	- 0.3	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	13.3	13.1	12.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Federal	0.9	1.0	0.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	12.4	12.1	11.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
State	5.1	4.8	5.1	+ 0.3	0
Local	7.3	7.3	6.8	0	+ 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA in October moved up to an estimated level of 94,100. This is an increase of 1,300 over the September revised level of 92,800.

Goods producing employment in October was estimated at 24,500, which is 300 above the September level. Mining, construction, and manufacturing each showed an increase of 100 for the month.

Service producing employment was estimated at 69,600, which is 1,000 above the September revised level. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment increased by 300, with the increase centered in water transportation and television services. Trade employment moved up by 800 from September's revised figure due primarily to seasonal employment in retail sales. Government rose by 200 in October with the fall semester at the local university in full operation. Services showed a decrease primarily due to less employment in amusement and recreation services.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	63.8	63.6	63.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	16.9	17.0	17.4	- 0.1	- 0.5
MINING	1.2	1.1	1.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.4	4.6	4.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
MANUFACTURING	11.3	11.3	11.5	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.5	0	+ 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.9	46.6	45.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.3	4.3	4.0	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.1	14.9	15.1	+ 0.2	0
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.2	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	11.8	11.7	12.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.7	13.6	12.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	10.8	10.7	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.3	10.2	9.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.1	7.0	6.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 63,800 for the current month. This estimate is 200 above the September revised level of 63,600.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 16,900, was down by 100 from last month's revised figure. This loss was caused by employment in the construction industry dropping 200 in October. Mining showed an increase of 100, while manufacturing was unchanged from last month.

Service producing employment was estimated at 46,900, an increase of 300 from last month's figure. Trade employment rose by 200 with both the wholesale and retail sectors experiencing a gain of 100. Services and government each had an increase of 100 jobs. Finance, insurance, and real estate was down by 100 in October.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.7	55.9	56.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	11.1	10.9	10.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.7	7.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.5	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.6	45.0	45.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
TRANSP. COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.2	14.2	14.3	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.7	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	10.5	10.4	10.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
General Mdse. and Apprl. & Acc.	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.3	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.1	12.9	12.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.0	11.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.7	10.3	10.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
State	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0
Local	6.0	5.6	5.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 56,700, rose by 800 over the September revised estimate of 55,900.

Employment in the goods producing sector increased by 200 to an estimated 11,100. The increase occurred in the construction and manufacturing sectors with each experiencing gains of 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 45,600, an increase of 600 from the September estimate. Government rose due to the implementation of special programs for youth and disadvantaged persons. Services rose by 200 due mainly to increases in educational and miscellaneous services employment.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Sept. 1990	Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	535.6	533.3	532.0	+ 2.3	+ 3.6
GOODS PRODUCING	83.5	83.1	81.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
MINING	14.3	14.3	14.6	0	- 0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.0	14.0	14.3	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	24.3	24.2	22.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	44.9	44.6	44.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	24.0	23.8	23.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
Transportation Equipment	14.5	14.3	14.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.9	10.7	10.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	20.9	20.8	20.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.4	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.9	1.8	2.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.6	3.7	3.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	452.1	450.2	450.4	+ 1.9	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	43.4	43.5	43.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.3	8.3	8.3	0	0
Water Transportation	12.9	13.1	12.8	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Comm. & Public Util.	13.1	13.0	13.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	135.3	135.5	136.4	- 0.2	- 1.1
Wholesale Trade	32.1	32.0	32.7	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.3	18.3	18.7	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.8	13.7	14.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	103.2	103.5	103.7	- 0.3	- 0.5
General Merchandise	13.2	13.0	13.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Food Stores	20.4	20.3	20.4	+ 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	35.8	36.2	36.0	- 0.4	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	32.0	32.3	33.2	- 0.3	- 1.2
Banking	10.3	10.4	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	153.2	151.6	150.6	+ 1.6	+ 2.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.3	14.0	14.4	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Health Services	40.9	40.6	39.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Educational Services	18.0	17.5	17.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	88.2	87.3	86.9	+ 0.9	+ 1.3
Federal	16.3	16.3	16.5	0	- 0.2
State and Local	71.9	71.0	70.4	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
State	19.0	18.5	18.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Local	52.9	52.5	51.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.0

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA for October was estimated at 535,600, an increase of 2,300 from the previous month. Seasonal factors were primarily responsible for the rise.

Goods producing employment increased to 83,500, up 400 from the September revised level and 1,900 above the October, 1989 figure. Construction added workers mostly in heavy construction. Manufacturing gained employment in ship and boat building and repairing, food and kindred products, and apparel and other textile products due to more business. Mining remained unchanged from the previous month.

Service producing employment displayed an overall increase of 1,900 over the month. Services employment was higher due to scattered gains throughout the industry. Government rose in the state and local government segments. Finance, insurance, and real estate exhibited moderate decreases. Trade adjusted downward. Transportation, communications, and public utilities eased down as port activity was reduced.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $462.44 per week, down $6.84 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.4, down 0.5 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.17, down three cents from September and up $0.41 over October of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 34,200 for October. The unemployment rate registered 5.8 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment totaled 6,302.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Oct. 1990*	Sept. 1990**	Oct. 1989**	Net Change From Sept. 1990	Net Change From Oct. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.8	132.1	129.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
GOODS PRODUCING	27.1	27.0	24.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.8
MINING	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	6.1	6.1	5.4	0	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	17.9	17.9	15.8	0	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	12.7	12.7	10.7	0	+ 2.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.9	4.9	3.0	0	+ 1.9
Nondurable Good	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	105.7	105.1	105.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.3	8.3	8.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.8	32.8	32.6	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.7	7.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	25.0	25.1	24.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.1	6.2	6.1	- 0.1	0
SERVICES	33.0	32.9	32.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	25.5	24.9	25.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Federal	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
State and Local	20.6	20.0	20.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
State	5.8	5.8	6.1	0	- 0.3
Local	14.8	14.2	14.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA increased to 132,800, up from 132,100 in September and up 3,400 from October, 1989. The September to October increase was in service producing employment.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 27,100. While gaining slightly over the September revised estimate, goods producing employment showed a significant change of 2,800 from the year-ago total. This increase was mostly in manufacturing which increased 2,100. A temporary plant closing in October, 1989 caused the employment level in manufacturing to fall to 15,800.

Service producing employment rose to 105,700, up 600 from the September level. The September to October increase resulted from the public school system returning to normal employment levels.

The average weekly earnings of 13,500 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport area increased to $556.28, an increase of $15.28 from September, and $109.08 more than one year ago. Average weekly hours dropped slightly to 45.3, down 0.2 hours from last month, but increased from the year-ago average of 41.6 hours. Average hourly earnings rose to $12.28, up $0.39 from the September average and has increased $1.53 from the October, 1989 average.

The current civilian labor force for the Shreveport area, estimated at 155,700, includes 145,900 employed and 9,800 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 6.3 percent. The unemployment rate for this area averaged 6.6 percent for August, September, and October and 7.9 percent for the same period one year ago.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during November was estimated at 1,549,400, an increase of 6,000 employees from the October revised level and 18,000 above the comparable period a year ago.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 315,700 for November. This was an increase of 200 from last month's estimate of 315,500. Mining employment rose as a result of an increase in the exploration of oil and gas. Construction employment was lower in each segment of the industry. Manufacturing employment was higher due to growth in the nondurable goods segment.

Employment in the service producing industries was estimated at 1,233,700 for November. This estimate was 5,800 higher than the October revised figure of 1,227,900. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment decreased mainly in the trucking and warehousing sector. Seasonal increases in general merchandise and apparel and accessories stores accounted for most of the gain in trade employment. Lower employment in the real estate segment accounted for the loss in the finance, insurance, and real estate industry. Hotels and other lodging places and automotive services contributed to the total services employment gain. An upturn in state and local government payrolls was responsible for the increase in government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 131,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $512.00 in October to $518.47 in November, an increase of $6.47, and an increase of $42.36 from November of last year. Average hourly earnings were four cents lower in November than last month, but $0.58 higher than November a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 44.2 during the month, an increase of 0.7 hours from the October figure of 43.5 hours.

The November preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana is 6.1 percent, up slightly from the October revised rate of 6.0 percent. This relatively insignificant increase was due primarily to seasonal factors. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (September, October, November) is 6.4 percent compared to 6.7 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for November is 5.8 percent. The national unemployment rate for October was 5.4 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 115,800. Claims for unemployment insurance increased over last month but are at a lower level than November, 1989.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,889,100 with a decrease in total employment to 1,773,300.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Net Change from Oct. 1990	Net Change from Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1549.4	1543.4	1531.4	+ 6.0	+18.0
GOODS PRODUCING	315.7	315.5	315.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
MINING	54.1	53.7	54.9	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	52.3	52.0	53.1	+ 0.3	- 0.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.7	1.8	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	83.8	84.8	83.2	- 1.0	+ 0.6
General Contractors	15.8	16.0	15.9	- 0.2	- 0.1
Heavy Construction Ex. Bldg.	33.9	34.6	33.2	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Special Trade Contractors	34.1	34.2	34.1	- 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	177.8	177.0	176.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.9
Durable Goods	78.2	78.2	77.5	0	+ 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	11.9	12.1	0	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	13.2	13.4	12.3	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Machinery, Except Electrical	10.6	10.6	10.3	0	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	24.1	24.0	24.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.9	2.8	3.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	99.6	98.8	99.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	21.0	20.6	21.8	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.5	9.7	10.3	- 0.2	- 0.8
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.2	12.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	10.0	9.8	9.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.2	29.0	28.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Inorganic Chemicals	5.9	5.8	5.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Organic Chemicals	10.9	10.9	10.5	0	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.8	11.8	11.6	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.9	10.9	10.7	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	5.7	5.7	5.6	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	1233.7	1227.9	1216.4	+ 5.8	+17.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	105.6	105.7	105.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	62.0	62.2	61.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	25.7	25.7	25.8	0	- 0.1
Communication & Public Utilities	38.8	38.7	39.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Comm. Ex. US Postal Service	16.8	16.8	16.9	0	- 0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.0	21.9	22.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Net Change from Oct. 1990	Net Change from Nov. 1989
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	372.8	368.0	368.4	+ 4.8	+ 4.4
Wholesale Trade	85.4	84.9	84.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.7	47.4	47.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.7	37.5	37.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	287.4	283.1	284.1	+ 4.3	+ 3.3
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.3	10.3	9.9	0	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	46.8	44.8	46.9	+ 2.0	- 0.1
Food Stores	57.1	56.8	56.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.9	29.8	29.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Apparel and Accessory	16.2	15.5	15.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.4
Furniture and Equipment	8.8	8.6	8.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Eating and Drinking Places	87.2	86.9	86.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Other Retail Trade	31.1	30.4	30.6	+ 0.7	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.4	78.6	77.7	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Banking	29.9	29.9	29.6	0	+ 0.3
Insurance	26.1	26.1	25.7	0	+ 0.4
SERVICES	355.0	354.8	349.3	+ 0.2	+ 5.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.9	22.5	22.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Personal Services	14.1	14.0	14.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Business Services	56.9	56.9	55.9	0	+ 1.0
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.8	10.5	10.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.8	6.7	0	+ 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.3	11.1	10.6	- 0.8	- 0.3
Health Services	112.8	112.9	108.7	- 0.1	+ 4.1
Hospitals	50.6	50.7	48.2	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Legal Services	15.3	15.2	14.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Educational Services	23.6	23.6	25.7	0	- 2.1
Social Services	20.6	20.8	20.0	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Membership Organizations	26.6	26.5	26.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	26.3	26.1	25.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Miscellaneous Services	3.9	3.8	3.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	321.9	320.8	315.3	+ 1.1	+ 6.6
Federal	37.0	37.2	37.3	- 0.2	- 0.3
State and Local	284.9	283.6	278.0	+ 1.3	+ 6.9
State	100.1	99.6	96.0	+ 0.5	+ 4.1
Local	184.8	184.0	182.0	+ 0.8	+ 2.8

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$518.47	512.00	476.11	44.2	43.5	42.7	11.73	11.77	11.15
Durable Goods	468.06	463.32	422.24	43.5	42.9	41.6	10.76	10.80	10.15
Lumber & Wood Products	400.77	391.68	378.63	43.8	42.9	42.4	9.15	9.13	8.93
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	400.88	410.76	373.41	41.2	41.2	40.5	9.73	9.97	9.22
Fabricated Metal Products	425.52	424.28	432.62	43.2	42.9	44.1	9.85	9.89	9.81
Machinery, ex. Electrical	465.79	451.00	413.92	45.8	45.1	44.7	10.17	10.00	9.26
Electric & Electronic Equip.	715.12	719.66	579.04	45.9	46.4	44.0	15.58	15.51	13.16
Transportation Equipment	485.07	473.71	415.01	42.7	41.3	37.9	11.36	11.47	10.95
Nondurable Goods	560.99	555.28	521.89	44.7	44.0	43.6	12.55	12.62	11.97
Food & Kindred Products	355.55	326.37	334.91	45.7	43.4	44.3	7.78	7.52	7.56
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	187.02	213.73	194.24	32.3	35.8	34.5	5.79	5.97	5.63
Paper & Allied Products	622.65	650.25	617.40	43.3	45.0	44.1	14.38	14.45	14.00
Printing & Publishing	423.20	430.68	388.67	39.7	38.8	37.3	10.66	11.10	10.42
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	742.44	753.62	743.58	46.0	45.1	46.3	16.14	16.71	16.06
Petroleum & Coal Products	975.63	895.96	763.50	56.2	52.0	47.6	17.36	17.23	16.04
Petroleum Refining	1007.91	916.30	776.08	57.3	52.3	47.7	17.59	17.52	16.27
MINING	607.38	604.84	562.80	47.6	47.7	46.9	12.76	12.68	12.00
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	533.82	533.82	527.77	41.0	42.0	41.2	13.02	12.71	12.81
BANKING	276.23	267.53	286.22	38.1	36.3	40.2	7.25	7.37	7.12

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 131,000 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 93,100 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$593.60	$614.16	$581.62	44.8	43.9	44.5	$13.25	$13.99	$13.07
Chemicals and Petro Products	767.46	790.94	763.32	46.4	45.3	45.9	16.54	17.46	16.63

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,900 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**
All MANUFACTURING	$479.76	$466.62	$438.58	43.3	41.7	40.2	$11.08	$11.19	$10.91
Durable Goods	410.27	400.58	368.93	41.4	40.3	37.8	9.91	9.94	9.76
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	366.52	356.83	353.60	39.2	36.3	37.3	9.35	9.83	9.48
Fabricated Metal Products	391.31	383.50	394.54	40.3	39.7	40.8	9.71	9.66	9.67
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	383.87	376.54	318.77	41.1	40.1	34.8	9.34	9.39	9.16
Nondurable Goods	558.74	541.68	513.68	45.5	43.3	42.7	12.28	12.51	12.03
Food & Kindred Products	386.30	347.79	357.87	43.6	40.3	39.5	8.86	8.63	9.06
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	213.84	234.99	211.03	36.0	37.3	36.7	5.94	6.30	5.75
Printing & Publishing	400.56	401.41	371.50	41.9	39.2	38.9	9.56	10.24	9.55
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	765.16	811.30	780.10	47.0	47.5	47.8	16.28	17.08	16.32

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**	Nov. '90*	Oct. '90**	Nov. '89**
All MANUFACTURING	$560.45	$556.86	$443.63	44.8	45.2	40.7	$12.51	$12.32	$10.90
Lumber and Wood Products	401.45	398.10	417.41	51.8	49.7	43.3	7.75	8.01	9.64
Food and Kindred Products	371.78	392.46	370.86	47.3	46.5	42.0	7.86	8.44	8.83
Printing and Publishing	369.89	386.53	372.74	37.4	37.6	37.2	9.89	10.28	10.02
Chemicals & Allied Products	571.86	586.02	624.69	40.3	43.7	50.5	14.19	13.41	12.37

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,600 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER, 1990 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED OCTOBER, 1990 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED NOVEMBER, 1989 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1889.1	1773.3	115.8	6.1	1893.7	1779.5	114.2	6.0	1913.9	1782.9	131.0	6.8
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.4	53.8	3.6	6.2	57.7	54.2	3.5	6.1	60.0	56.0	4.0	6.7
Baton Rouge 2/	270.0	255.4	14.6	5.4	270.1	256.1	14.0	5.2	274.8	258.5	16.3	5.9
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	71.1	67.4	3.7	5.3	70.6	67.0	3.6	5.1	70.7	66.6	4.1	5.8
Lafayette 4/	103.7	98.7	5.0	4.8	102.8	98.1	4.7	4.6	100.1	94.6	5.5	5.6
Lake Charles 5/	76.9	71.4	5.5	7.1	76.6	71.6	5.0	6.5	77.2	71.6	5.6	7.2
Monroe 6/	67.6	63.6	4.0	6.0	67.7	63.7	4.0	5.9	69.0	64.6	4.4	6.3
New Orleans 7/	583.8	552.3	31.5	5.4	588.0	553.8	34.2	5.8	599.8	562.3	37.5	6.2
Shreveport 8/	156.0	145.5	10.5	6.7	156.5	146.6	9.9	6.3	159.9	147.7	12.2	7.6

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
November 1989	125.9		
November 1990	133.8	+ 0.2	+ 6.3

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 90				REVISED OCTOBER 90			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,100	19,650	1,450	6.9	21,125	19,825	1,300	6.2
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,175	9,225	950	9.2	9,600	8,750	850	9.0
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,150	5,650	500	8.2	6,150	5,675	475	7.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,125	14,675	1,450	9.0	16,250	15,000	1,250	7.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,325	12,400	925	6.9	13,325	12,450	875	6.6
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,425	5,975	450	6.9	6,475	6,075	400	6.1
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,250	3,875	375	8.5	4,275	3,950	325	7.6
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,475	4,275	200	4.3	4,800	4,350	450	9.1
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,375	3,050	325	9.5	3,375	3,100	275	8.2
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,425	6,975	450	5.9	7,375	6,975	400	5.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	8,975	8,050	925	10.4	8,850	8,150	700	7.9
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,275	10,525	750	6.8	11,250	10,550	700	6.2
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,275	2,875	400	12.2	3,150	2,925	225	7.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,175	6,775	400	5.5	7,175	6,800	375	5.0
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,550	12,600	950	7.1	13,600	12,750	850	6.3
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,425	7,725	700	8.4	8,350	7,775	575	6.8
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,150	6,650	500	6.9	7,100	6,675	425	6.0
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,875	24,350	1,525	5.9	25,950	24,375	1,575	6.0
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,150	10,125	1,025	9.1	11,075	10,225	850	7.6
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,425	6,025	400	6.1	6,400	6,075	325	5.2
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	10,775	10,025	750	7.0	11,025	10,250	775	7.0
JENA (LASALLE)	5,725	5,450	275	5.0	5,775	5,475	300	5.2
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,175	17,500	675	3.6	18,100	17,500	600	3.3
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,325	4,800	525	10.0	5,225	4,825	400	7.5
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,525	11,400	1,125	9.0	12,750	11,550	1,200	9.4
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,475	14,325	1,150	7.4	15,425	14,475	950	6.1
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,650	8,100	550	6.4	8,775	8,175	600	6.8
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,200	6,375	825	11.5	7,150	6,450	700	9.8
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	3,975	3,725	250	6.2	4,050	3,775	275	6.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	7,900	7,100	800	10.1	7,875	7,250	625	7.9
MANY (SABINE)	9,875	9,450	425	4.3	9,925	9,450	475	4.7
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,650	2,450	200	7.6	2,725	2,500	225	8.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,725	8,100	625	7.2	8,850	8,175	675	7.5
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,425	27,775	2,650	8.7	30,450	27,950	2,500	8.2
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,625	22,075	1,550	6.6	23,900	22,350	1,550	6.5
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,550	34,450	3,100	8.3	37,475	34,350	3,125	8.3
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,500	2,300	200	7.9	2,550	2,375	175	6.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,275	7,650	625	7.4	8,300	7,750	550	6.5
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,250	16,975	1,275	6.9	18,400	17,100	1,300	7.1
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,425	17,300	1,125	6.1	18,700	17,550	1,150	6.1
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,625	16,125	1,500	8.5	17,825	16,300	1,525	8.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,350	16,925	1,425	7.7	18,325	16,875	1,450	7.9
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,325	3,775	550	12.5	4,275	3,850	425	10.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,250	4,025	225	5.3	4,300	4,075	225	5.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,575	350	6.0	5,900	5,575	325	5.4

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Net Change From Oct. 1990	Net Change From Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.8	45.8	46.3	0	- 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	6.0	6.1	6.5	- 0.1	- 0.5
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.7	2.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	39.8	39.7	39.8	+ 0.1	0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.1	10.1	10.5	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.2	8.2	8.7	0	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	12.0	12.0	11.7	0	+ 0.3
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.1	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	13.1	13.0	12.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.2	10.1	9.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.6	5.5	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,800 for the current month. This estimate was unchanged from last month, and 500 less than November, 1989.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,000 for November. This estimate was 100 less than October, as a result of a decrease in the construction industry. Compared to November of last year, this figure declined by 500, with the largest decline centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 39,800. This estimate increased by 100 from last month, and was unchanged from November, 1989. The increase in employment from last month was in local government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Net Change From Oct. 1990	Net Change From Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	233.3	232.5	232.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.3
GOODS PRODUCING	49.4	49.5	48.8	- 0.1	+ 0.6
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	26.3	26.6	26.6	- 0.3	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	22.3	22.1	21.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Durable Goods	5.1	5.1	4.8	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	17.2	17.0	16.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	2.0	1.9	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.1	12.0	11.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	183.9	183.0	183.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	10.6	10.4	10.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	55.0	54.4	54.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.3	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Retail Trade	42.7	42.1	42.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	8.4	8.0	8.4	+ 0.4	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	13.2	0	- 0.2
Banking	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
SERVICES	50.5	50.5	50.2	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	54.8	54.7	54.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	52.4	52.3	52.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State	30.4	30.2	30.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Local	22.0	22.1	21.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA rose to a level of 233,300 in November. This figure was 800 higher than October, and 1,300 above the year-ago level. The service producing sector of retail trade was responsible for the majority of the increase.

Employment in the goods producing sector fell 100 below the October revised estimate. Construction was solely responsible for the decline, due to less business in special trade, and nonresidential contractors. Manufacturing employment increase to 22,300. This increase was caused by seasonal hiring in food and kindred products, and more business in chemical and allied products.

Employment in the service producing sector rose 900 to a level of 183,900 for November. Employment gains in travel agencies, and marine cargo handling, pushed transportation, communications, and public utilities up 200. Trade followed its normal trend of pre-Christmas hiring. Government employment rose to 54,800, as state colleges and universities added nonfaculty staff.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,900 production workers in all manufacturing were $593.60 for November, a decrease of $20.56 from the October average. Compared to the prior year, average weekly earnings were up $11.98. Average weekly hours, at 44.8, increased by 0.9 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $13.25, decreased by $0.74 per hour. A longer workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 270,000 in November. Estimated employment declined to 255,400, while unemployment rose to 14,600. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 5.4 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,484 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,406 referrals to current openings resulted in 251 placements during the month of November.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Net Change From Oct. 1990	Net Change From Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.8	57.9	55.8	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
GOODS PRODUCING	13.1	12.9	12.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MINING	5.4	5.4	5.6	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
MANUFACTURING	5.8	5.6	5.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	4.0	3.8	3.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.7	45.0	43.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.7	6.6	6.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.0	14.6	14.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0
Retail Trade	11.9	11.5	11.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.4	2.3	2.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.8	10.8	9.9	0	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	11.1	10.9	10.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.4	9.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
State	3.2	3.1	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	7.4	7.3	6.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA moved up to 58,800, a level 900 above October. The gain was mostly in the service producing segment and was seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment increased to 13,100, up 200 from the October revised level, and 500 above the November, 1989 figure. Manufacturing increased as durable goods profited from an increase in orders.

Service producing employment displayed an overall increase of 700. Transportation, communications, and public utilities showed a gain of 100 spread through several industries. Retail trade added workers as shopping for the holiday season began. Government was boosted by upturns in employment by educational services at the state and local government level.

Estimated unemployment was 3,700 in November. Unemployment presently comprises 5.3 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 522.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Net Change From	
				Oct. 1990	Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	95.4	94.0	89.3	+ 1.4	+ 6.1
GOODS PRODUCING	25.0	24.5	23.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
MINING	12.5	12.2	11.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
CONSTRUCTION	3.9	3.8	3.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	8.6	8.5	8.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Nondurable Goods	6.4	6.3	6.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	70.4	69.5	66.1	+ 0.9	+ 4.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.9	6.8	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.6	25.2	24.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	6.0	5.9	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	19.6	19.3	18.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
General Merchandise	3.2	3.1	3.2	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	21.3	21.0	19.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
GOVERNMENT	13.3	13.2	12.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	1.0	1.0	0.8	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	12.3	12.2	12.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
State	5.0	4.9	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Local	7.3	7.3	6.9	0	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 95,400 for the current month. This is an increase of 1,400 over the October revised level of 94,000. Compared to a year ago, employment in the MSA has increased by 6,100.

Goods producing employment in November was estimated at 25,000, which is 500 above the October level. Mining showed a strong increase of 300 jobs from the October revised estimate of 12,200. Construction and manufacturing both had an increase of 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 70,400, an increase of 900 from the October estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities and government showed a minimal gain of 100 each. Trade employment rose by 400 from the prior month's revised estimate due primarily to seasonal hiring in retail trade. The services sector expanded by 300 from October's level of 21,000, with the increase spread across the entire sector.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Oct. 1990	Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	65.0	64.7	63.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
GOODS PRODUCING	17.1	17.1	17.4	0	- 0.3
MINING	1.2	1.2	1.0	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	11.3	11.3	11.6	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	3.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.6	8.5	- 0.1	0
Chemical & Petro Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.9	47.6	46.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.2	4.3	4.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.8	15.6	15.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.5	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	12.2	12.1	12.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	14.0	13.8	12.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	10.9	10.9	10.7	0	+ 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.3	10.3	10.1	0	+ 0.2
State	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.1	7.1	7.1	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 65,000, rose by 300 over the October revised estimate of 64,700.

Goods producing employment for November was estimated at 17,100. This figure is unchanged from last month's revised estimate. Compared to a year ago, this sector is showing a decrease of 300 from the estimate of 17,400. This loss in employment is centered in the construction and manufacturing industries.

Service producing employment was estimated at 47,900, an increase of 300 from the October estimate. Trade rose by 200, with the gain in both wholesale and retail trade. Services was up by 200 due to more employment in health services, accounting services, and business associations. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was down by 100 due to water transportation employment dropping off.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Net Change From Oct. 1990	Net Change From Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.2	56.8	56.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	11.2	11.1	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.7	2.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.6	5.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.8	4.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.0	45.7	45.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
TRANSP. COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.3	14.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.7	3.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	10.8	10.6	10.8	+ 0.2	0
General Mdse. and Apprl. & Acc.	2.8	2.6	2.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.2	0	0
Banking	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
SERVICES	13.2	13.2	12.7	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	11.5	11.3	11.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.8	10.6	10.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
State	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 0.1
Local	6.0	5.8	5.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 57,200 for the current month. This estimate was 400 above the October revised estimate of 56,800.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 11,200, was 100 above the October revised estimate. The gain was in construction. Mining and manufacturing were unchanged over the month.

Service producing employment was estimated at 46,000, and increase of 300 from last month's estimate. Trade employment rose by 100 in preparation for the upcoming holiday season. Government increased at the local government level.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Net Change From Oct. 1990	Net Change From Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	537.6	535.5	534.1	+ 2.1	+ 3.5
GOODS PRODUCING	83.9	84.2	81.5	- 0.3	+ 2.4
MINING	14.4	14.4	14.6	0	- 0.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.0	14.0	14.3	0	- 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	24.0	24.5	22.7	- 0.5	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	45.5	45.3	44.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Durable Goods	24.3	24.1	23.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.5	1.4	- 0.1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 0.4
Transportation Equipment	14.7	14.4	14.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.2	10.9	10.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	21.2	21.2	20.9	0	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	5.6	5.6	5.6	0	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	453.7	451.3	452.6	+ 2.4	+ 1.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	43.5	43.4	43.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Trucking and Warehousing	8.2	8.2	8.3	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	13.0	12.9	13.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Comm. & Public Util.	13.1	13.1	13.0	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	136.0	134.9	137.6	+ 1.1	- 1.6
Wholesale Trade	31.9	31.9	32.5	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.0	18.0	18.6	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.9	13.9	13.9	0	0
Retail Trade	104.1	103.0	105.1	+ 1.1	- 1.0
General Merchandise	13.9	13.3	13.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
Food Stores	20.4	20.4	20.6	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	35.7	35.7	36.2	0	- 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.9	32.1	33.5	0.2	- 1.6
Banking	10.3	10.4	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	153.9	152.7	151.0	+ 1.2	+ 2.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.5	14.2	14.6	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Health Services	40.9	40.8	39.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Educational Services	18.6	18.5	17.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	88.4	88.2	86.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Federal	16.3	16.2	16.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	72.1	72.0	70.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
State	19.0	19.0	18.6	0	+ 0.4
Local	53.1	53.0	51.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.2

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA for November was estimated at 537,600, an increase of 2,100 from the previous month. Gains were seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment decreased to 83,900, down 300 from the October revised level, but increased 2,400 above the November, 1989 figure. In manufacturing, ship and boat building and repairing exhibited an increase due to more business. Stone, clay, and glass products employment showed a decrease due to less business. Construction made downward seasonal adjustments.

Service producing employment showed an overall increase of 2,400 over the month. Water transportation gained slightly. Retail trade pushed up as holiday shopping began. Finance, insurance, and real estate lost employment. Services exhibited moderate gains throughout most of its segments. Government displayed a small increase.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $479.76 per week, up $13.14 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 43.3, up 1.6 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.08, down $0.11 from October, and up $0.17 over November of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 31,500 for November. The unemployment rate registered 5.4 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 5,958.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Nov. 1990*	Oct. 1990**	Nov. 1989**	Oct. 1990	Nov. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.1	133.2	132.3	- 0.1	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	27.7	27.3	26.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
MINING	3.2	3.1	3.2	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	6.4	6.1	5.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	18.1	18.1	17.9	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	13.0	13.0	12.7	0	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.1	2.2	1.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.4	5.3	5.4	+ 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
Nondurable Good	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	105.4	105.9	105.7	- 0.5	- 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.3	8.3	8.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	33.3	33.1	33.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	7.9	7.9	7.9	0	0
Retail Trade	25.4	25.2	25.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.2	6.1	6.2	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	32.2	32.9	32.7	- 0.7	- 0.5
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.5	25.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
State and Local	20.5	20.6	20.4	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	5.8	5.8	6.1	0	- 0.3
Local	14.7	14.8	14.3	- 0.1	+ 0.4

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The total nonagricultural employment estimate decreased to 133,100. This was 100 less than the October revised estimate. This total remains 800 more than the year-ago total.

Goods producing employment increased to 27,700 in November, up from the October estimate of 27,300. Increased activities in heavy construction and general building contractors resulted in most of this growth. Mining employment rose slightly to 3,200, up from the October revised estimate of 3,100.

The service producing employment estimate of 105,400 reflects a seasonal change from the October revised estimate of 105,900. The ending of the racing season caused the most significant job loss over the month. Employment gains in trade and finance, insurance, and real estate were noted.

An estimated 13,600 production workers in the Shreveport area had average weekly earnings of $560.45, up $3.59 from the October average. Average weekly hours declined to 44.8, down 0.4 hours from October. Average hourly earnings rose slightly to $12.51, an increase of $0.19 from last month and shows an increase of $1.61 from the year-ago average.

The Shreveport area has a civilian labor force estimated at 156,000 in November, including 145,500 employed and 10,500 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 6.7 percent. The unemployment rate for the area averaged 6.7 percent for September, October, and November, compared to 7.9 percent for the same three months in 1989.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1990

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	641	505	136	21	17	4	10	7	3
Contract Construction (15-17)	5,587	3,887	1,700	246	197	49	1,011	716	295
Manufacturing (20-29)	3,067	1,530	1,537	68	21	47	129	69	60
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,077	581	496	31	22	9	103	49	54
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	725	470	255	21	18	3	90	51	39
Retail Trade (52-59)	3,146	1,812	1,334	125	82	43	380	197	183
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	800	597	203	24	20	4	131	99	32
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	5,214	2,751	2,463	176	112	64	572	297	275
Public Administration (91-97)	966	497	469	35	20	15	85	36	49
All Others	107	51	56	0	0	0	44	18	26
Totals	21,330	12,681	8,649	747	509	238	2,555	1,539	1,016
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	2,734	2,096	638	84	71	13	400	294	106
Clerical and Sales	4,940	3,461	1,479	181	149	32	633	422	211
Services Occupations	2,400	720	1,680	90	28	62	244	58	186
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	403	109	294	14	6	8	5	5	0
Processing Occupations	410	169	241	0	0	0	19	8	11
Machine Trades	991	663	328	40	28	12	92	70	22
Benchwork Occupations	1,198	553	645	34	7	27	30	23	7
Structural Work Occupations	5,483	3,539	1,944	246	188	58	915	565	350
Miscellaneous Occupations	2,771	1,371	1,400	58	32	26	217	94	123
Totals	21,330	12,681	8,649	747	509	238	2,555	1,539	1,016

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1990

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	30	25	5	110	82	28	26	22	4
Contract Construction (15-17)	117	97	20	74	51	23	449	366	83
Manufacturing (20-29)	116	67	49	368	171	197	77	35	42
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	29	24	5	22	18	4	42	30	12
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	35	22	13	46	37	9	23	17	6
Retail Trade (52-59)	79	57	22	125	78	47	116	88	28
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	10	10	0	34	27	7	26	17	9
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	104	66	38	233	160	73	171	103	68
Public Administration (91-97)	11	8	3	29	15	14	24	13	11
All Others	0	0	0	13	7	6	0	0	0
Totals	531	376	155	1,054	646	408	954	691	263
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	57	45	12	164	142	22	99	82	17
Clerical and Sales	130	111	19	225	184	41	205	170	35
Services Occupations	44	17	27	107	40	67	70	25	45
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	11	1	10	7	3	4	30	2	28
Processing Occupations	33	17	16	71	31	40	26	11	15
Machine Trades	16	16	0	29	23	6	40	35	5
Benchwork Occupations	9	6	3	247	97	150	18	12	6
Structural Work Occupations	141	106	35	96	63	33	366	279	87
Miscellaneous Occupations	90	57	33	108	63	45	100	75	25
Totals	531	376	155	1,054	646	408	954	691	263

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF NOVEMBER 1990

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	4	3	1	78	65	13	70	45	25
Contract Construction (15-17)	130	100	30	1,116	664	452	197	123	74
Manufacturing (20-29)	136	76	60	536	272	264	377	184	193
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	20	11	9	547	235	312	69	36	33
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	5	4	1	265	155	110	81	41	40
Retail Trade (52-59)	111	69	42	1,044	516	528	349	168	181
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	28	24	4	362	258	104	66	42	24
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	220	117	103	1,818	903	915	484	226	258
Public Administration (91-97)	32	12	20	263	103	160	78	43	35
All Others	1	1	0	24	12	12	0	0	0
Totals	687	417	270	6,053	3,183	2,870	1,771	908	863
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	96	85	11	1,063	760	303	198	155	43
Clerical and Sales	183	116	67	1,818	1,109	709	445	309	136
Services Occupations	76	22	54	772	183	589	313	70	243
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	2	1	1	41	12	29	18	3	15
Processing Occupations	9	6	3	87	33	54	19	2	17
Machine Trades	108	66	42	253	142	111	84	36	48
Benchwork Occupations	14	6	8	102	38	64	215	97	118
Structural Work Occupations	115	80	35	1,169	634	535	255	153	102
Miscellaneous Occupations	84	35	49	748	272	476	224	83	141
Totals	687	417	270	6,053	3,183	2,870	1,771	908	863

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during December was estimated at 1,547,000, a decrease of 2,400 employees from last month but 18,100 above the December, 1989 figure.

Employment in the goods producing sector was estimated at 312,500 for December. This estimate was 2,600 below the November revised level, but 300 above the year-ago estimate of 312,200. Mining employment was down as a result of decreased activity in the exploration of oil and gas. Less business in heavy construction contributed to the downturn in total construction employment. Manufacturing was lower due to a decrease in both the durable and nondurable goods sectors.

Service producing employment, estimated at 1,234,500, was 200 higher than last month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment was higher due to more activity in the electric, gas, and sanitary services segment. Trade employment rose due to seasonal hiring for the holidays. An increase in insurance employment was instrumental in the higher level of employment in the finance, insurance, and real estate industry. Services employment was lower due to several segments exhibiting decreases for December. Government employment dropped due in large part to a decrease in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 129,000 production workers in manufacturing increased to $520.03 in December, an increase of $5.52 above November, and an increase of $27.79 above December of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.18 higher in December than last month, and $0.61 higher than December a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 43.7 during the month, a decrease of 0.2 hours from the November figure.

The December preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 6.5 percent up slightly from the November revised rate of 6.2 percent. This small increase was due primarily to seasonal factors. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (October, November, December) was 6.2 percent compared to 6.6 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for December was 5.9 percent. The national unemployment rate for November was 5.8 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 122,600. Claims for unemployment insurance increased over last month but were at a lower level than December, 1989.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,889,100 from the November revised civilian labor force of 1,889,700 with a decrease in total employment to 1,766,500.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change from	
	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Nov. 1990	Dec. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1547.0	1549.4	1528.9	- 2.4	+18.1
GOODS PRODUCING	312.5	315.1	312.2	- 2.6	+ 0.3
MINING	53.4	53.8	54.7	- 0.4	- 1.3
Oil and Gas Extraction	51.6	52.0	52.9	- 0.4	- 1.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	83.2	83.6	82.1	- 0.4	+ 1.1
General Contractors	15.7	15.7	15.9	0	- 0.2
Heavy Construction Ex. Bldg.	33.2	33.7	33.0	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Special Trade Contractors	34.3	34.2	33.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	175.9	177.7	175.4	- 1.8	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	78.1	78.4	77.2	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Lumber and Wood Products	11.7	11.9	12.0	- 0.2	- 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	13.2	13.3	12.1	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	10.7	10.7	10.4	0	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	24.2	24.1	24.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.8	2.9	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	97.8	99.3	98.2	- 1.5	- 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	19.7	20.8	20.3	- 1.1	- 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.4	9.6	10.1	- 0.2	- 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.4	12.3	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	10.0	10.0	9.7	0	+ 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.1	29.1	28.5	0	+ 0.6
Inorganic Chemicals	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 0.1
Organic Chemicals	10.9	10.9	10.6	0	+ 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.8	11.8	11.6	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.9	10.9	10.7	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	5.5	5.6	5.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	1234.5	1234.3	1216.7	+ 0.2	+17.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	105.6	105.5	105.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	61.6	61.9	61.6	- 0.3	0
Water Transportation	25.4	25.6	25.9	- 0.2	- 0.5
Communication & Public Utilities	39.2	38.8	38.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Comm. Ex. US Postal Service	16.9	16.8	16.9	+ 0.1	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.3	22.0	22.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Net Change from Nov. 1990	Net Change from Dec. 1989
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	376.2	373.5	371.2	+ 2.7	+ 5.0
Wholesale Trade	85.3	85.6	84.4	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.8	47.9	47.3	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.5	37.7	37.1	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	290.9	287.9	286.8	+ 3.0	+ 4.1
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.3	10.3	9.8	0	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	48.6	46.9	48.0	+ 1.7	+ 0.6
Food Stores	57.2	57.2	56.6	0	+ 0.6
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	29.8	29.8	29.7	0	+ 0.1
Apparel and Accessory	16.9	16.3	16.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.3
Furniture and Equipment	8.9	8.8	8.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating and Drinking Places	87.2	87.1	86.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Other Retail Trade	32.0	31.5	31.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.6	78.4	77.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Banking	29.8	29.9	29.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Insurance	26.2	26.0	25.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
SERVICES	352.7	354.4	347.4	- 1.7	+ 5.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.5	22.8	22.5	- 0.3	0
Personal Services	14.1	14.0	14.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Business Services	56.1	56.7	55.6	- 0.6	+ 0.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	10.4	10.7	10.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.8	6.7	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.4	10.3	9.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Health Services	112.6	112.9	108.6	- 0.3	+ 4.0
Hospitals	50.7	50.7	48.3	0	+ 2.4
Legal Services	15.3	15.3	14.9	0	+ 0.4
Educational Services	23.4	23.5	25.5	- 0.1	- 2.1
Social Services	20.9	20.7	20.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Membership Organizations	26.5	26.6	25.9	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	25.9	26.2	26.0	- 0.3	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	3.8	3.9	3.8	- 0.1	0
GOVERNMENT	321.4	322.5	314.8	- 1.1	+ 6.6
Federal	37.2	37.2	37.6	0	- 0.4
State and Local	284.2	285.3	277.2	- 1.1	+ 7.0
State	98.9	99.9	95.3	- 1.0	+ 3.6
Local	185.3	185.4	181.9	- 0.1	+ 3.4

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$520.03	514.51	492.24	43.7	43.9	43.6	11.90	11.72	11.29
Durable Goods	478.52	466.98	444.53	43.7	43.4	43.2	10.95	10.76	10.29
Lumber & Wood Products	389.70	387.60	386.72	43.3	42.5	44.4	9.00	9.12	8.71
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	421.40	407.13	364.70	43.0	41.8	39.3	9.80	9.74	9.28
Fabricated Metal Products	450.69	429.35	436.69	44.8	43.5	43.8	10.06	9.87	9.97
Machinery, ex. Electrical	454.72	462.38	418.25	45.7	45.6	44.4	9.95	10.14	9.42
Electric & Electronic Equip.	793.14	715.76	630.61	45.4	46.0	45.4	17.47	15.56	13.89
Transportation Equipment	485.90	486.21	462.76	42.4	42.8	42.3	11.46	11.36	10.94
Nondurable Goods	557.18	556.78	532.51	43.7	44.4	43.9	12.75	12.54	12.13
Food & Kindred Products	362.96	357.74	347.98	44.7	46.1	44.9	8.12	7.76	7.75
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	159.26	190.97	189.24	28.8	32.7	33.2	5.53	5.84	5.70
Paper & Allied Products	645.30	633.21	613.25	45.0	43.7	44.6	14.34	14.49	13.75
Printing & Publishing	414.34	417.88	400.13	38.4	38.8	37.5	10.79	10.77	10.67
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	774.77	741.65	730.48	47.3	45.5	46.0	16.38	16.30	15.88
Petroleum & Coal Products	818.20	934.50	833.56	48.5	54.3	52.0	16.87	17.21	16.03
Petroleum Refining	826.67	958.65	848.71	48.4	55.0	52.1	17.08	17.43	16.29
MINING	639.11	608.48	582.26	49.2	47.5	47.3	12.99	12.81	12.31
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	545.31	533.82	522.00	41.5	41.0	41.2	13.14	13.02	12.67
BANKING	271.93	276.64	284.54	36.5	38.0	38.4	7.45	7.28	7.41

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 129,000 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 92,900 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$620.08	$590.96	$584.26	46.0	44.5	44.6	$13.48	$13.28	$13.10
Chemicals and Petro Products	792.48	766.07	776.88	48.0	45.9	46.8	16.51	16.69	16.60

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,800 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**
All MANUFACTURING	$468.35	$480.38	$466.52	42.5	43.2	42.8	$11.02	$11.12	$10.90
Durable Goods	411.42	408.70	409.49	41.6	41.2	41.7	9.89	9.92	9.82
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	376.88	366.52	339.66	40.7	39.2	37.0	9.26	9.35	9.18
Fabricated Metal Products	419.67	388.61	428.43	41.8	38.9	42.8	10.04	9.99	10.01
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	389.90	383.87	389.34	41.7	41.1	42.0	9.35	9.34	9.27
Nondurable Goods	531.14	561.47	528.44	43.5	45.5	44.0	12.21	12.34	12.01
Food & Kindred Products	372.44	386.73	342.14	41.8	43.6	38.4	8.91	8.87	8.91
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	228.60	245.48	225.20	36.0	38.0	40.0	6.35	6.46	5.63
Printing & Publishing	385.20	396.73	373.16	40.0	40.9	38.0	9.63	9.70	9.82
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	779.26	761.90	756.14	47.0	46.8	47.2	16.58	16.28	16.02

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,700 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**	Dec. '90*	Nov. '90**	Dec. '89**
All MANUFACTURING	$600.32	$563.85	$463.08	44.8	45.0	40.8	$13.40	$12.53	$11.35
Lumber and Wood Products	382.38	401.45	409.29	47.5	51.8	44.2	8.05	7.75	9.26
Food and Kindred Products	352.00	371.78	427.73	44.0	47.3	46.9	8.00	7.86	9.12
Printing and Publishing	370.74	368.37	352.76	37.0	36.8	35.1	10.02	10.01	10.05
Chemicals & Allied Products	591.43	571.86	611.30	41.1	40.3	46.7	14.39	14.19	13.09

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER, 1990				REVISED NOVEMBER, 1990				REVISED DECEMBER, 1989			
(in thousands)	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1889.1	1766.5	122.6	6.5	1889.7	1773.3	116.4	6.2	1879.1	1758.3	120.8	6.4
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.1	53.4	3.7	6.5	57.4	53.8	3.6	6.2	58.4	54.6	3.8	6.5
Baton Rouge 2/	268.4	253.2	15.2	5.7	269.2	254.6	14.6	5.4	269.5	254.9	14.6	5.4
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	71.6	66.9	4.7	6.5	71.1	67.4	3.7	5.3	69.4	65.4	4.0	5.8
Lafayette 4/	104.0	99.1	4.9	4.8	103.8	98.8	5.0	4.8	98.3	93.1	5.2	5.2
Lake Charles 5/	76.5	71.1	5.4	7.0	77.1	71.5	5.6	7.3	75.3	70.6	4.7	6.3
Monroe 6/	67.5	62.9	4.6	6.9	67.5	63.5	4.0	6.0	68.0	63.8	4.2	6.2
New Orleans 7/	584.6	552.8	31.8	5.4	585.2	553.5	31.7	5.4	589.3	555.8	33.5	5.7
Shreveport 8/	156.4	144.6	11.8	7.6	155.8	145.3	10.5	6.7	155.3	144.7	10.6	6.8

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
DECEMBER 1989	126.1		
DECEMBER 1990	133.8	0	+ 6.1

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 90				REVISED NOVEMBER 90			
AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,150	19,700	1,450	6.9	21,125	19,650	1,475	7.0
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,175	9,175	1,000	9.9	10,125	9,175	950	9.4
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,425	5,600	825	12.7	6,150	5,650	500	8.2
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,700	14,000	1,700	10.9	16,100	14,650	1,450	9.0
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,300	12,400	900	6.7	13,275	12,350	925	7.0
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,650	6,050	600	9.0	6,450	6,000	450	7.0
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,225	3,850	375	8.7	4,250	3,875	375	8.9
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,500	4,275	225	4.7	4,475	4,275	200	4.3
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,325	2,925	400	11.6	3,375	3,050	325	9.6
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,275	6,825	450	6.1	7,425	6,975	450	6.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,125	8,000	1,125	12.3	8,975	8,050	925	10.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,300	10,275	1,025	9.0	11,275	10,525	750	6.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,300	2,800	500	15.2	3,275	2,875	400	12.2
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,150	6,750	400	5.6	7,175	6,775	400	5.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,500	12,450	1,050	7.9	13,575	12,600	975	7.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,500	7,650	850	9.9	8,450	7,725	725	8.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,200	6,600	600	8.4	7,125	6,625	500	6.9
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	25,900	24,475	1,425	5.5	25,875	24,350	1,525	5.9
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,250	10,175	1,075	9.5	11,175	10,125	1,050	9.3
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,300	5,925	375	6.0	6,400	6,000	400	6.1
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	10,900	10,100	800	7.4	10,775	10,025	750	7.1
JENA (LASALLE)	5,825	5,450	375	6.6	5,725	5,450	275	5.0
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,875	17,250	625	3.6	18,175	17,500	675	3.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,200	4,625	575	11.3	5,300	4,775	525	10.1
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,575	11,375	1,200	9.5	12,575	11,400	1,175	9.4
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,325	14,200	1,125	7.4	15,450	14,325	1,125	7.3
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,700	8,100	600	7.0	8,650	8,100	550	6.4
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,275	6,350	925	12.7	7,200	6,375	825	11.5
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,000	3,700	300	7.6	3,975	3,725	250	6.2
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	7,850	6,900	950	12.0	7,900	7,100	800	10.3
MANY (SABINE)	10,025	9,525	500	5.1	9,850	9,425	425	4.2
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,625	2,425	200	7.8	2,650	2,450	200	7.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,275	8,375	900	9.6	8,750	8,100	650	7.3
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,525	27,850	2,675	8.7	30,475	27,775	2,700	8.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,800	22,250	1,550	6.5	23,650	22,075	1,575	6.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,325	34,150	3,175	8.5	37,550	34,450	3,100	8.3
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,375	2,125	250	10.6	2,500	2,300	200	8.0
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,150	7,550	600	7.3	8,275	7,650	625	7.4
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,225	16,975	1,250	6.9	18,250	16,975	1,275	6.9
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,675	17,550	1,125	6.0	18,375	17,225	1,150	6.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,375	15,875	1,500	8.6	17,650	16,125	1,525	8.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,500	16,825	1,675	9.0	18,350	16,900	1,450	7.9
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,275	3,575	700	16.2	4,325	3,775	550	12.7
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,150	3,900	250	5.9	4,250	4,025	225	5.3
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,600	325	5.4	5,925	5,575	350	5.9

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Net Change From Nov. 1990	Net Change From Dec. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.5	45.6	46.0	- 0.1	- 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	5.9	5.9	6.3	0	- 0.4
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.2	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	39.6	39.7	39.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.2	10.1	10.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.3	8.2	8.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	11.9	11.9	11.7	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.1	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.9	13.1	12.8	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Federal	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.2	9.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
State	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 0.1	0
Local	5.5	5.6	5.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 45,500 for the current month. This estimate was 100 less than last month and 500 less than December, 1989.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 5,900 for December. This estimate was unchanged from last month and 400 less than December of last year. The decline from last year was centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 39,600. This estimate was 100 less than November, as a result of a decrease in state and local government. Compared to December of last year, this figure declined by 100, with the largest decline centered in retail trade.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Net Change From Nov. 1990	Net Change From Dec. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	232.9	233.1	231.7	- 0.2	+ 1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	49.3	49.4	48.4	- 0.1	+ 0.9
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	26.4	26.3	26.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	22.1	22.3	21.5	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	5.0	5.1	4.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	17.1	17.2	16.7	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.1	12.1	11.6	0	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	183.6	183.7	183.3	- 0.1	+ 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	10.4	10.5	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	55.4	55.0	54.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	12.3	12.3	12.3	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Retail Trade	43.1	42.7	42.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	8.6	8.4	8.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	13.2	0	- 0.2
Banking	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
SERVICES	50.5	50.5	50.3	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	54.3	54.7	54.4	- 0.4	- 0.1
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
State and Local	51.9	52.3	52.0	- 0.4	- 0.1
State	29.8	30.3	30.0	- 0.5	- 0.2
Local	22.1	22.0	22.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA, at 232,900 during December, was down 200 from the November revised estimate, but up 1,200 from the year-ago level. This employment change was due primarily to seasonal factors.

Goods producing employment at 49,300, declined 100 from November, but was up 900 from the prior year estimate. Less business in fabricated metals, and seasonal declines in food and kindred products, caused manufacturing employment to decline to 22,100. Construction employment moved upward to 26,400, due to more business for special trade contractors.

Service producing employment at 183,600, decreased 100 from November, but was 300 greater than the year-ago estimate. A seasonal decline of 100 was reported in water transportation. Also on the downturn was government, declining 400, due to seasonal reductions at state colleges and universities. Trade employment continued to move upward, affected by Christmas hiring in retail department stores, grocery stores, and apparel and accessory stores.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,800 production workers in all manufacturing were $620.08 for December, an increase of $29.12 from the November average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $35.82. Average weekly hours at 46.0 increased by 1.5 hours. Average hourly earnings at $13.48 increased by $0.20 per hour. Overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA was 268,400, comprised of 253,200 employed and 15,200 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 5.7 percent in December.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,290 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,278 referrals to current openings resulted in 116 placements during the month of December.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Net Change From Nov. 1990	Net Change From Dec. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.8	58.9	55.4	- 0.1	+ 3.4
GOODS PRODUCING	13.2	13.2	12.2	0	+ 1.0
MINING	5.4	5.4	5.5	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	1.9	1.9	1.7	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	5.9	5.9	5.0	0	+ 0.9
Durable Goods	4.1	4.0	3.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.6	45.7	43.2	- 0.1	+ 2.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.6	6.7	6.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	4.2	4.2	4.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	15.0	14.5	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.8	11.9	11.4	- 0.1	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	10.8	9.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.5
GOVERNMENT	11.0	11.1	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
State and Local	10.5	10.6	10.0	- 0.1	+ 0.5
State	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	7.4	7.4	7.0	0	+ 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA eased down to 58,800, a level 100 below November. The decrease was largely in the service producing segment and was partly seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment was 13,200, unchanged from the November revised level, but 1,000 above the December, 1989 figure.

Service producing employment exhibited an overall decrease of 100. Transportation, communications, and public utilities decreased due to a seasonal downturn. Trade was lowered by downturns in wholesale and retail trade. Services employment increased throughout the industry. State education employment showed a slight decline as the autumn semester neared its end.

Estimated unemployment was 4,700 in December. Unemployment presently comprises 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 630.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Net Change From	
				Nov. 1990	Dec. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	96.1	95.4	88.5	+ 0.7	+ 7.6
GOODS PRODUCING	25.4	25.0	23.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
MINING	12.5	12.5	11.5	0	+ 1.0
CONSTRUCTION	4.2	3.9	3.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	8.7	8.6	8.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	6.4	6.4	6.0	0	+ 0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	70.7	70.4	65.5	+ 0.3	+ 5.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.0	6.9	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.7	25.7	24.3	0	+ 1.4
Wholesale Trade	5.9	6.0	5.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	19.8	19.7	18.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
General Merchandise	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	21.4	21.2	19.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
GOVERNMENT	13.3	13.3	12.7	0	+ 0.6
Federal	0.9	1.0	0.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	12.4	12.3	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
Local	7.4	7.3	6.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 96,100, an increase of 700 from the previous month.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 25,400, was 400 above the November level. Construction was up by 300, with the gain in the special trade contractors sector. Manufacturing showed a minimal gain of 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 70,700, an increase of 300 from the November estimate. Services was up by 200, with the increase centered in business services, accounting services, and agricultural services. Transportation, communications, and public utilities rose by 100 due to water and local passenger transportation employment expanding.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Net Change From Nov. 1990	Net Change From Dec. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	64.6	65.0	63.6	- 0.4	+ 1.0
GOODS PRODUCING	17.0	17.2	17.5	- 0.2	- 0.5
MINING	1.2	1.2	1.0	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.5	4.6	4.8	- 0.1	- 0.3
MANUFACTURING	11.3	11.4	11.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	8.6	8.6	8.5	0	+ 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.6	47.8	46.1	- 0.2	+ 1.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.0	4.2	4.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.8	15.7	15.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.0	0	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	12.3	12.2	12.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.8	13.9	12.8	- 0.1	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	11.0	11.0	10.5	0	+ 0.5
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.4	10.4	9.9	0	+ 0.5
State	3.2	3.2	2.9	0	+ 0.3
Local	7.2	7.2	7.0	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 64,600 for the current month. This is a loss of 400 from the November revised estimate of 65,000.

Goods producing employment for December was estimated at 17,000. This is a decrease of 200 from November's revised level of 17,200. Construction and manufacturing each had a drop of 100.

Service producing employment dropped to 47,600, down 200 from last month's estimate of 47,800. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was down due to a decline in water transportation. Services employment declined by 100 in business services. Trade employment rose because of the holiday season.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Nov. 1990	Dec. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	56.7	57.1	56.8	- 0.4	- 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	10.9	11.2	10.8	- 0.3	+ 0.1
MINING	0.5	0.6	0.5	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.8	2.7	- 0.2	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.7	5.7	5.5	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	4.7	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.8	45.9	46.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
TRANSP. COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.4	14.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	10.9	10.8	11.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
General Mdse. and Apprl. & Acc.	2.9	2.8	2.9	+ 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.3	0	- 0.1
Banking	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.0	13.1	12.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.5	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.7	10.8	10.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3
State	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.9	6.0	5.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 56,700 for the current month. This was 400 below last month, and 100 less than December, 1989.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 10,900 during December. This estimate was 300 below the November estimate, the result of a decline in mining and construction.

Service producing employment for December was estimated at 45,800, a decline of 100 from the November estimate. Trade was the only segment to show a gain over the month. Services and government declined by 100 each.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Nov. 1990	Dec. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	539.6	538.3	534.4	+ 1.3	+ 5.2
GOODS PRODUCING	82.9	83.5	80.6	- 0.6	+ 2.3
MINING	14.3	14.3	14.6	0	- 0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.9	13.9	14.3	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	23.4	23.8	22.3	- 0.4	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	45.2	45.4	43.7	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Durable Goods	24.3	24.2	22.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.4	2.2	0	+ 0.2
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.3	3.3	3.0	0	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	14.7	14.6	14.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.2	11.1	10.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	20.9	21.2	20.8	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 0.1	0
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.2	1.1	- 0.1	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	456.7	454.8	453.8	+ 1.9	+ 2.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	43.2	43.5	43.6	- 0.3	- 0.4
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.1	8.2	8.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Water Transportation	12.8	13.0	13.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Comm. & Public Util.	13.1	13.1	13.0	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	138.5	136.5	139.8	+ 2.0	- 1.3
Wholesale Trade	31.8	31.9	32.6	- 0.1	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.0	18.0	18.6	0	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.8	13.9	14.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	106.7	104.6	107.2	+ 2.1	- 0.5
General Merchandise	14.7	13.9	14.7	+ 0.8	0
Food Stores	20.6	20.5	20.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	36.2	35.9	36.3	+ 0.3	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.9	31.9	33.5	0	- 1.6
Banking	10.3	10.3	10.5	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	154.3	154.3	149.9	0	+ 4.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.2	14.5	14.5	- 0.3	- 0.3
Health Services	41.0	41.0	39.0	0	+ 2.0
Educational Services	18.4	18.5	17.4	- 0.1	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	88.8	88.6	87.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Federal	16.4	16.3	16.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
State and Local	72.4	72.3	70.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
State	19.0	19.0	18.5	0	+ 0.5
Local	53.4	53.3	51.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.6

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA for December was estimated at 539,600, an increase of 1,300 from the previous month. Gains were attributed to normal seasonal factors.

Goods producing employment decreased to 82,900, down 600 from the November revised level, but 2,300 above the December, 1989 figure. Construction exhibited a normal seasonal downturn. In manufacturing, ship and boat building and repairing experienced an increase due to additional contracts. Apparel and other textile products, chemical and allied products, and other nondurable goods all experienced losses due to less business. Mining remained unchanged over the month.

Service producing employment increased 1,900 over the month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities moved down mostly in water transportation. Retail trade displayed generous seasonal gains while wholesale trade showed a slight reduction in employment. Government employment increased at the federal and local government levels.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $468.35 per week, down $12.03 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 42.5, down 0.7 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.02, down $0.10 from November, but up $0.12 over December of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 31,800 for December. The unemployment rate registered 5.4 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment totaled 6,242.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Dec. 1990*	Nov. 1990**	Dec. 1989**	Net Change From Nov. 1990	Net Change From Dec. 1989
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.2	133.2	131.4	0	+ 1.8
GOODS PRODUCING	27.3	27.8	26.3	- 0.5	+ 1.0
MINING	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	6.1	6.5	5.4	- 0.4	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	18.0	18.1	17.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	12.9	13.0	12.5	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.1	2.1	1.9	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	4.9	5.0	4.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Good	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	105.9	105.4	105.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.3	8.3	8.4	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	33.8	33.5	33.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	7.9	7.9	7.9	0	0
Retail Trade	25.9	25.6	25.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.3	6.2	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	32.1	32.1	32.0	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	25.4	25.3	25.4	+ 0.1	0
Federal	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
State and Local	20.6	20.5	20.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	5.8	5.8	6.1	0	- 0.3
Local	14.8	14.7	14.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The estimate of 133,200 in December for total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Shreveport was unchanged from the November revised estimate.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 27,300, declined 500 from November to December. Job losses in construction activities were caused primarily by adverse weather, stopping most interstate and commercial construction work. Total manufacturing employment decreased slightly from 18,100 in November to 18,000 in December.

Service producing employment, estimated at 105,900, showed seasonal gains. Retail trade showed an over-the-month increase, up from 25,600 in November to 25,900 in December. Finance, insurance, and real estate rose slightly during the month from 6,200 to 6,300. Small gains in local government employment are reflected in the total government estimate of 25,400, up from the November revised estimate of 25,300.

Production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport area estimated at 13,500, had average weekly earnings of $600.32, up $36.47 from November. Average weekly hours of 44.8 fell slightly from 45.0 in November while average hourly earnings increased to $13.40, up $0.87 from the November figure.

The civilian labor force in the Shreveport area, estimated at 156,400 in December, included 144,600 employed and 11,800 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area was 7.6 percent. The unemployment rate for this area averaged 6.9 percent for October, November, and December and 7.9 percent for the same period one year ago.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during January was estimated at 1,611,600, a decrease of 11,200 employees from the December revised level, but 67,500 above the January, 1990 figure.

Goods producing employment estimated at 333,400, was 2,700 below the December figure. Mining employment remained stable over the month. Construction employment was lower in each segment of the industry. Less business in the transportation equipment, and food and kindred products segments were mainly responsible for the drop in manufacturing employment.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,278,200 for January, a decrease of 8,500 from the December estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities decreased due to less business in air transportation. Seasonal decreases in retail trade accounted for the downturn in trade employment. Decreased employment in banking was mainly responsible for the drop in finance, insurance, and real estate. Among the segments most instrumental in the lower payroll level exhibited for services in January were business services, educational services, and hotels and other lodging places. Government employment was higher as a result of increases in state and local government.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 133,600 production workers in manufacturing increased from $508.34 in December to $510.07 in January, an increase of $1.73, and an increase of $13.85 from January of last year. Average hourly earnings were four cents higher in January than last month, and $0.32 higher than January a year ago. Average weekly hours for January were unchanged from the December revised figure of 43.3.

The January preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.0 percent, up slightly from the December revised rate of 6.2 percent. This relatively insignificant increase is due primarily to seasonal factors.

The comparable national unemployment rate for January was also 7.0 percent. This is the first time since April, 1982 that the Louisiana unemployment rate has not exceeded the national rate. The national unemployment rate for December was 5.9 percent.

The average unemployment rate for the last three months (November, December, January) was 6.4 percent compared to 6.6 percent for the same period last year.

Total unemployment increased to 130,200. This increase may be attributed to seasonal workers who were laid off after the holiday season. Also, some of the increase is among those workers whose normal occupations are heavily influenced by such factors as weather conditions. There was an increase in unemployment insurance claims which is normal at this time of the year.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,870,600 with a decrease in total employment to 1,740,400.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change from Dec. 1990	Net Change from Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1611.6	1622.8	1544.1	-11.2	+67.5
GOODS PRODUCING	333.4	336.1	317.4	- 2.7	+16.0
MINING	56.0	56.0	54.2	0	+ 1.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.2	54.2	52.4	0	+ 1.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	93.1	93.9	86.5	- 0.8	+ 6.6
General Contractors	18.5	18.7	17.4	- 0.2	+ 1.1
Heavy Construction Ex. Bldg.	37.5	37.9	33.4	- 0.4	+ 4.1
Special Trade Contractors	37.1	37.3	35.7	- 0.2	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	184.3	186.2	176.7	- 1.9	+ 7.6
Durable Goods	82.3	83.3	78.5	- 1.0	+ 3.8
Lumber and Wood Products	12.2	12.4	12.3	- 0.2	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.4	5.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.1	3.0	- 0.1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	14.6	14.5	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	11.9	11.9	11.2	0	+ 0.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.6	6.7	6.6	- 0.1	0
Transportation Equipment	25.2	25.7	22.9	- 0.5	+ 2.3
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.6	3.6	3.6	0	0
Nondurable Goods	102.0	102.9	98.2	- 0.9	+ 3.8
Food & Kindred Products	21.0	22.1	18.9	- 1.1	+ 2.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.6	10.5	10.9	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Paper & Allied Products	12.2	12.2	12.0	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	10.1	10.1	9.8	0	+ 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.9	29.7	28.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Inorganic Chemicals	6.0	5.9	5.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Organic Chemicals	11.0	11.0	10.6	0	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.5	11.5	11.3	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum Refining	10.6	10.6	10.4	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.7	6.8	6.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	1278.2	1286.7	1226.7	- 8.5	+51.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	110.2	110.8	109.4	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Railroad Transportation	4.7	4.8	4.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	66.2	66.6	64.7	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Water Transportation	27.1	26.9	26.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Communication & Public Utilities	39.3	39.4	39.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
Comm. Ex. US Postal Service	16.9	16.9	17.3	0	- 0.4
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.5	22.5	- 0.1	- 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change from Dec. 1990	Net Change from Jan. 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	375.5	382.1	360.6	- 6.6	+14.9
Wholesale Trade	86.6	86.2	83.2	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.1	47.3	46.1	- 0.2	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.5	38.9	37.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Retail Trade	288.9	295.9	277.4	- 7.0	+11.5
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	9.8	10.0	9.1	- 0.2	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	40.0	44.0	41.9	- 4.0	- 1.9
Food Stores	56.8	57.4	54.5	- 0.6	+ 2.3
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.7	31.0	29.7	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Apparel and Accessory	16.9	17.8	16.5	- 0.9	+ 0.4
Furniture and Equipment	9.6	9.6	9.2	0	+ 0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	92.3	92.6	86.3	- 0.3	+ 6.0
Other Retail Trade	32.8	33.5	30.2	- 0.7	+ 2.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.8	78.9	78.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Banking	29.5	29.6	29.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Insurance	26.7	26.7	26.3	0	+ 0.4
SERVICES	378.8	380.6	360.3	- 1.8	+18.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.7	22.3	21.5	- 0.6	+ 0.2
Personal Services	13.8	13.8	14.0	0	- 0.2
Business Services	63.3	64.0	60.3	- 0.7	+ 3.0
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.7	11.7	11.0	0	+ 0.7
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.8	7.8	7.4	0	+ 0.4
Amusement & Recreation Services	11.9	11.9	10.3	0	+ 1.6
Health Services	118.7	118.8	112.6	- 0.1	+ 6.1
Hospitals	52.7	52.7	49.7	0	+ 3.0
Legal Services	16.3	16.2	15.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Educational Services	26.3	26.7	25.3	- 0.4	+ 1.0
Social Services	22.2	22.3	20.7	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Membership Organizations	26.7	26.6	25.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	28.8	28.5	27.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Miscellaneous Services	5.1	5.2	4.5	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	334.9	334.3	317.9	+ 0.6	+17.0
Federal	37.9	37.9	37.6	0	+ 0.3
State and Local	297.0	296.4	280.3	+ 0.6	+16.7
State	104.6	104.3	93.1	+ 0.3	+11.5
Local	192.4	192.1	187.2	+ 0.3	+ 5.2

* Preliminary **Revised

(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$510.07	$508.34	$496.22	43.3	43.3	43.3	$11.78	$11.74	$11.46
Durable Goods	462.24	472.85	431.10	42.8	43.5	42.1	10.80	10.87	10.24
Lumber & Wood Products	383.72	389.33	375.78	42.4	43.5	41.8	9.05	8.95	8.99
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	387.76	424.92	396.41	37.0	41.7	39.8	10.48	10.19	9.96
Fabricated Metal Products	447.67	460.01	437.00	44.5	45.5	43.7	10.06	10.11	10.00
Machinery, ex. Electrical	459.52	444.06	411.32	44.7	44.9	45.2	10.28	9.89	9.10
Electric & Electronic Equip.	716.68	793.76	619.32	46.0	45.1	42.8	15.58	17.60	14.47
Transportation Equipment	489.05	482.51	432.19	42.6	42.4	41.2	11.48	11.38	10.49
Nondurable Goods	552.81	541.30	553.67	43.7	43.2	44.4	12.65	12.53	12.47
Food & Kindred Products	323.21	349.24	325.43	40.1	43.6	42.1	8.06	8.01	7.73
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	223.65	164.16	208.66	37.4	30.4	37.8	5.98	5.40	5.52
Paper & Allied Products	613.43	641.79	628.38	44.1	44.6	45.8	13.91	14.39	13.72
Printing & Publishing	428.65	411.72	415.88	39.8	39.1	37.5	10.77	10.53	11.09
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	766.32	779.01	773.93	46.5	46.9	48.1	16.48	16.61	16.09
Petroleum & Coal Products	931.46	794.97	886.78	52.3	46.3	50.5	17.81	17.17	17.56
Petroleum Refining	950.93	805.27	911.37	52.8	46.2	51.0	18.01	17.43	17.87
MINING	615.12	624.51	599.88	46.6	48.6	49.7	13.20	12.85	12.07
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	557.61	546.55	525.37	43.7	42.5	42.3	12.76	12.86	12.42
BANKING	283.68	273.40	290.21	39.4	36.6	39.7	7.20	7.47	7.31

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 133,600 full-and part-time workers in manufacturing and 94,400 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$606.91	$621.35	$633.33	43.6	46.3	45.4	$13.92	$13.42	$13.95
Chemicals and Petro Products	823.64	826.27	864.50	47.2	49.3	50.0	17.45	16.76	17.29

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 15,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**
All MANUFACTURING	$471.23	$467.99	$468.85	42.8	42.7	42.7	$11.01	$10.96	$10.98
Durable Goods	416.30	412.98	405.57	41.3	41.8	41.3	10.08	9.88	9.82
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	350.23	380.72	407.58	37.7	41.7	42.5	9.29	9.13	9.59
Fabricated Metal Products	396.14	420.84	369.70	39.3	42.0	41.4	10.08	10.02	8.93
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	387.92	389.90	379.76	41.4	41.7	40.4	9.37	9.35	9.40
Nondurable Goods	531.47	526.69	538.69	44.4	43.6	44.3	11.97	12.08	12.16
Food & Kindred Products	371.95	377.47	351.96	43.2	42.7	41.9	8.61	8.84	8.40
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	262.26	221.68	208.50	41.3	35.3	37.1	6.35	6.28	5.62
Printing & Publishing	435.53	392.08	390.40	44.9	41.8	38.2	9.70	9.38	10.22
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	758.69	779.51	798.18	47.3	47.1	50.2	16.04	16.55	15.90

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,500 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**	Jan. '91*	Dec. '90**	Jan. '90**
All MANUFACTURING	$551.24	$568.58	$452.92	42.6	42.4	41.1	$12.94	$13.41	$11.02
Lumber and Wood Products	273.39	316.80	315.86	37.4	40.0	42.8	7.31	7.92	7.38
Food and Kindred Products	267.72	292.80	369.56	34.5	36.6	41.2	7.76	8.00	8.97
Printing and Publishing	335.74	359.16	379.86	34.4	36.5	38.1	9.76	9.84	9.97
Chemicals & Allied Products	589.79	593.48	607.02	41.1	41.3	45.3	14.35	14.37	13.40

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,200 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JANUARY, 1991 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED DECEMBER, 1990 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	REVISED JANUARY, 1990 Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1870.6	1740.4	130.2	7.0	1885.1	1768.5	116.6	6.2	1802.3	1687.0	115.3	6.4
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.5	53.1	4.4	7.6	57.7	54.2	3.5	6.1	56.2	52.7	3.5	6.2
Baton Rouge 2/	266.9	250.9	16.0	6.0	269.1	254.7	14.4	5.3	258.4	245.5	12.9	5.0
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	68.8	64.3	4.5	6.5	70.6	66.2	4.4	6.3	65.3	61.4	3.9	6.0
Lafayette 4/	105.0	99.4	5.6	5.3	107.0	102.3	4.7	4.4	97.5	92.5	5.0	5.1
Lake Charles 5/	76.4	71.0	5.4	7.1	77.2	72.1	5.1	6.6	73.6	68.9	4.7	6.3
Monroe 6/	67.9	63.1	4.8	7.1	69.3	64.8	4.5	6.5	65.9	62.2	3.7	5.7
New Orleans 7/	573.2	542.1	31.1	5.4	581.8	551.6	30.2	5.2	558.5	528.1	30.4	5.4
Shreveport 8/	152.6	141.7	10.9	7.2	154.9	143.7	11.2	7.2	150.1	137.0	13.1	8.7

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

All Urban Consumers	Index	%Change from Prior Month	% Change from Prior Year
January 1990	127.4		
January 1991	134.6	+ 0.6	+ 5.7

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED DECEMBER 90 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,275	19,750	1,525	7.2	21,100	19,700	1,400	6.6
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,025	8,025	1,000	11.1	9,250	8,325	925	10.1
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,500	5,575	925	14.4	6,575	5,775	800	12.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,200	13,950	2,250	13.9	15,625	14,000	1,625	10.4
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,275	12,325	950	7.1	13,325	12,475	850	6.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,775	6,175	600	9.0	6,700	6,125	575	8.5
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,225	3,750	475	11.3	4,175	3,825	350	8.4
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,500	4,275	225	4.8	4,475	4,275	200	4.4
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,525	2,925	600	16.9	3,325	2,950	375	11.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,300	6,800	500	7.0	7,150	6,725	425	5.8
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,350	7,775	1,575	16.8	8,875	7,825	1,050	11.9
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,125	10,050	1,075	9.6	11,100	10,150	950	8.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,325	2,725	600	18.2	3,200	2,725	475	14.8
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	6,850	6,375	475	7.0	6,900	6,525	375	5.4
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,600	12,550	1,050	7.6	13,575	12,550	1,025	7.5
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,750	7,625	1,125	12.7	8,475	7,675	800	9.5
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,225	6,500	725	10.0	7,150	6,575	575	8.0
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,700	24,775	1,925	7.2	26,625	25,225	1,400	5.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,250	10,025	1,225	10.8	11,125	10,125	1,000	9.1
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	5,950	5,550	400	6.8	5,975	5,625	350	5.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,150	10,100	1,050	9.5	10,875	10,125	750	7.0
JENA (LASALLE)	5,975	5,375	600	9.9	5,775	5,400	375	6.3
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,075	17,300	775	4.2	17,900	17,300	600	3.4
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,325	4,600	725	13.6	5,200	4,625	575	10.9
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,800	11,300	1,500	11.6	12,575	11,375	1,200	9.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,200	13,725	1,475	9.7	14,900	13,825	1,075	7.2
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,550	7,925	625	7.3	8,575	8,000	575	6.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	6,900	5,900	1,000	14.6	6,900	6,025	875	12.6
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,000	3,475	525	13.0	3,800	3,525	275	7.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	7,850	6,725	1,125	14.4	7,875	6,975	900	11.4
MANY (SABINE)	9,925	9,275	650	6.5	9,725	9,250	475	4.9
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,525	2,275	250	9.6	2,500	2,300	200	7.8
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,625	8,750	875	9.0	9,750	8,875	875	8.8
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,450	27,350	3,100	10.2	30,050	27,500	2,550	8.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,975	22,125	1,850	7.7	23,875	22,400	1,475	6.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	36,700	33,475	3,225	8.8	36,800	33,775	3,025	8.2
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,250	1,950	300	13.6	2,225	1,975	250	10.6
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,225	7,500	725	8.8	8,100	7,525	575	7.2
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	17,650	16,125	1,525	8.7	17,475	16,300	1,175	6.8
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,475	17,200	1,275	6.9	18,325	17,275	1,050	5.8
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,325	15,725	1,600	9.2	17,225	15,800	1,425	8.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,250	16,525	1,725	9.4	18,350	16,750	1,600	8.7
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,450	3,450	1,000	22.5	4,325	3,650	675	15.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,000	3,650	350	8.8	3,900	3,675	225	6.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,925	5,500	425	7.2	5,800	5,500	300	5.3

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.4	46.7	45.9	- 0.3	+ 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	6.2	6.4	6.4	- 0.2	- 0.2
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	3.1	2.8	- 0.2	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.5	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.2	40.3	39.5	- 0.1	+ 0.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.7	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.7	8.8	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.3	12.3	11.7	0	+ 0.6
Health Services	5.3	5.3	5.1	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.9	12.9	12.8	0	+ 0.1
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
State and Local	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
State	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 46,400 for the current month. This estimate was 300 less than last month, and 500 more than January, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,200 for January. This estimate was 200 less than last month, as a result of a decrease in the construction industry. Compared to January of last year, this figure declined by 200, with the largest decline centered in durable goods.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,200. This estimate was 100 less than December as a result of a decrease in retail trade. Compared to January of last year, service producing employment increased by 700, with the largest increase centered in the services sector.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	235.7	238.2	229.2	- 2.5	+ 6.5
GOODS PRODUCING	50.9	50.7	50.9	+ 0.2	0
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	26.9	26.8	28.4	+ 0.1	- 1.5
MANUFACTURING	23.2	23.1	21.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Durable Goods	5.7	5.6	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	17.5	17.5	16.5	0	+ 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	2.1	2.1	1.7	0	+ 0.4
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.2	12.2	11.7	0	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	184.8	187.5	178.3	- 2.7	+ 6.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.3	11.2	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.1	54.8	52.1	- 0.7	+ 2.0
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	41.6	42.3	39.6	- 0.7	+ 2.0
General Merchandise	6.7	7.3	6.9	- 0.6	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	12.8	0	+ 0.2
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	54.5	54.5	51.4	0	+ 3.1
GOVERNMENT	51.9	54.0	51.2	- 2.1	+ 0.7
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	49.4	51.5	48.8	- 2.1	+ 0.6
State	26.8	29.0	26.4	- 2.2	+ 0.4
Local	22.6	22.5	22.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA fell 2,500 to a level of 235,700 in January. The decline was centered in the service producing sector, due to seasonal factors. Compared to the year-ago level, employment increased 6,500.

Employment in the goods producing sector rose to a level of 50,900. More business in nonresidential and heavy construction, and durable goods manufacturing accounted for the increase in January. Mining employment remained unchanged at 800.

Employment in the service producing sector, affected by seasonal losses, declined 2,700 to a level of 184,800. Most of this drop occurred in government, which typically experiences seasonal nonfaculty cutbacks at state colleges and universities. With the holiday shopping season coming to a close, most retail stores began laying off temporary help, causing trade to drop 700 in January. Employment in the services industry remained at 54,500. Transportation, communications, and public utilities increased 100, due to seasonal activity in water transportation.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 15,000 production workers in all manufacturing was $606.91 for January, a decrease of $14.44 from the December average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were down $26.42. Average weekly hours at 43.6, declined 2.7 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.92, increased by $0.50 per hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 266,900 in January. Total employment decreased to 250,900, while unemployment rose to 16,000. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 6.0 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,928 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,282 referrals to current openings resulted in 118 placements during the month of January.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.6	58.7	55.3	- 1.1	+ 2.3
GOODS PRODUCING	13.3	13.7	11.9	- 0.4	+ 1.4
MINING	5.6	5.7	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	5.7	6.0	4.8	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	3.3	0	+ 0.9
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.8	1.5	- 0.3	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.3	45.0	43.4	- 0.7	+ 0.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.5	6.6	6.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	4.1	4.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.7	14.0	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.5	11.8	11.1	- 0.3	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.4	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.8	10.8	10.3	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.4	10.8	10.4	- 0.4	0
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.0	10.4	9.9	- 0.4	+ 0.1
State	2.6	3.0	2.5	- 0.4	+ 0.1
Local	7.4	7.4	7.4	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA moved down to 57,600, a level 1,100 below December. The total decrease was spread through several industries and was largely seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment decreased to 13,300, down 400 from December, but was 1,400 above the January, 1990 figure. Mining exhibited a normal seasonal downturn as winter weather conditions hampered outside work. The nondurable goods segment of manufacturing experienced losses due to seasonal decreases in seafood and sugar processing. Construction remained unchanged.

Service producing employment showed an overall reduction of 700. Water transportation tapered off. Retail trade decreased as stores made downward adjustments following the holiday season. More favorably, wholesale trade eked out a small gain. State education employment moved down due to the semester break at the universities.

Estimated unemployment was 4,500 in January. Unemployment presently comprises 6.5 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 906.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	98.2	100.3	91.4	- 2.1	+ 6.8
GOODS PRODUCING	26.6	27.2	23.8	- 0.6	+ 2.8
MINING	13.2	13.3	11.8	- 0.1	+ 1.4
CONSTRUCTION	4.4	4.6	3.7	- 0.2	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	9.0	9.3	8.3	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	2.4	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	6.3	6.6	5.9	- 0.3	+ 0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	71.6	73.1	67.6	- 1.5	+ 4.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.3	7.3	6.8	0	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.7	26.2	23.9	- 0.5	+ 1.8
Wholesale Trade	6.1	6.2	5.7	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	19.6	20.0	18.2	- 0.4	+ 1.4
General Merchandise	2.6	2.8	2.8	- 0.2	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	22.0	22.5	20.9	- 0.5	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	13.3	13.7	12.7	- 0.4	+ 0.6
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
State and Local	12.3	12.7	11.7	- 0.4	+ 0.6
State	4.5	5.0	4.2	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Local	7.8	7.7	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 98,200, a decrease of 2,100 from the December, 1990 revised estimate of 100,300.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,600 during January. This estimate was 600 below the December estimate due to declines in mining, construction, and manufacturing. The loss of 600 jobs was primarily due to poor weather and the sugar grinding season ending.

Service producing employment for January was estimated at 71,600, a decline of 1,500 from the December estimate. All segments of the service producing sector declined due primarily to the end of the Christmas season and the semester break at educational institutions in the MSA.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	66.1	66.6	64.0	- 0.5	+ 2.1
GOODS PRODUCING	18.4	18.5	18.0	- 0.1	+ 0.4
MINING	1.3	1.4	1.3	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	5.6	5.7	4.8	- 0.1	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	11.5	11.4	11.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.6	8.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	8.0	7.8	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.7	48.1	46.0	- 0.4	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.2	4.3	4.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.2	15.5	14.9	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.4	3.1	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	11.8	12.1	11.8	- 0.3	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	14.5	14.6	13.7	- 0.1	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.1	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.5	10.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.3	7.2	7.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 66,100, a decline of 500 from the December, 1990 revised level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 18,400 during January. This estimate was 100 below the December level. The decline in employment was the result of both mining and construction. Manufacturing showed a gain of 100.

Service producing employment dropped to 47,700, down 400 from the December, 1990 revised level of 48,100. Transportation, communications, and public utilities and services each had a minimal loss of 100. Trade was off by 300 due to the close of the holiday season. Government was the only sector to show an increase for the month, with the gain of 100 centered in local government.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.2	59.2	57.5	- 1.0	+ 0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	10.8	10.9	10.5	- 0.1	+ 0.3
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.7	7.8	7.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.5	0	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.7	0	+ 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.4	48.3	47.0	- 0.9	+ 0.4
TRANSP. COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.1	3.3	- 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.2	15.4	14.8	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.4	11.6	11.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3
General Mdse. and Apprl. & Acc.	2.7	3.0	2.7	- 0.3	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.3	4.4	+ 0.1	0
Banking	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.2	13.3	12.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.6	12.2	11.6	- 0.6	0
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.6	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.9	11.5	11.0	- 0.6	- 0.1
State	4.7	5.3	4.5	- 0.6	+ 0.2
Local	6.2	6.2	6.5	0	- 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 58,200, a decrease of 1,000 from the December, 1990 revised level. Compared to last year, non-farm employment in the MSA increased by 700.

In goods producing, manufacturing lost 100 employees in the durable goods sector.

Losses in service producing employment was lead by government, reflecting the semester break at educational institutions. Retail trade decreased by 200, the result of the end of the holiday season. Services was down by 100. The only employment gain was in finance, insurance, and real estate.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	538.3	544.8	524.7	- 6.5	+13.6
GOODS PRODUCING	82.9	84.0	78.7	- 1.1	+ 4.2
MINING	14.1	14.0	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.7	13.6	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	23.7	23.9	21.5	- 0.2	+ 2.2
MANUFACTURING	45.1	46.1	43.5	- 1.0	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	24.1	24.5	23.3	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	14.6	15.0	14.1	- 0.4	+ 0.5
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.1	11.5	10.5	- 0.4	+ 0.6
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Nondurable Goods	21.0	21.6	20.2	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	5.4	6.0	5.4	- 0.6	0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.7	3.7	3.4	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	455.4	460.8	446.0	- 5.4	+ 9.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.1	43.9	43.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.3	8.1	8.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Water Transportation	13.5	13.4	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Comm. & Public Util.	13.0	13.0	13.0	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.5	137.8	132.1	- 3.3	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade	30.8	31.3	30.7	- 0.5	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.5	17.7	17.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.3	13.6	13.3	- 0.3	0
Retail Trade	103.7	106.5	101.4	- 2.8	+ 2.3
General Merchandise	13.1	14.1	13.2	- 1.0	- 0.1
Food Stores	20.7	20.5	19.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Eating & Drinking Places	35.9	36.3	35.0	- 0.4	+ 0.9
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.1	31.3	31.6	- 0.2	- 0.5
Banking	10.2	10.3	10.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	155.7	157.4	150.3	- 1.7	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.5	14.8	14.2	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Health Services	41.0	41.2	39.9	- 0.2	+ 1.1
Educational Services	18.7	18.5	17.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	90.0	90.4	88.6	- 0.4	+ 1.4
Federal	16.1	16.4	16.0	- 0.3	+ 0.1
State and Local	73.9	74.0	72.6	- 0.1	+ 1.3
State	20.0	19.9	19.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Local	53.9	54.1	53.0	- 0.2	+ 0.9

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for January decreased to 538,300, a level 6,500 below December. Seasonal losses in most industry divisions were mainly responsible. Nonagricultural employment was up 13,600 from January, 1990, with increases in most industry divisions.

Goods producing employment decreased to 82,900, down 1,100 from December, but was 4,200 above the January, 1990 figure. Mining moved up. Construction experienced moderate seasonal decreases. Manufacturing was down from the previous month. Ship and boat building and repairing declined due to less business. Food and kindred products was down due to seasonal factors.

Service producing employment dropped 5,400 from the previous month. Substantial seasonal decreases in trade and services comprised the majority of the losses. Transportation, communications, and public utilities advanced slightly. Finance, insurance, and real estate moved down. Government lost workers mostly in federal government as census jobs were completed.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $471.23 per week, up $3.24 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 42.8, up 0.1 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.01, up five cents from December, and up three cents over January of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 31,100 for January. The unemployment rate registered 5.4 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 6,784.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jan. 1991*	Dec. 1990**	Jan. 1990**	Net Change From Dec. 1990	Net Change From Jan. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.1	134.0	127.6	- 0.9	+ 5.5
GOODS PRODUCING	26.5	27.2	24.0	- 0.7	+ 2.5
MINING	3.1	3.2	3.1	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	5.8	6.1	5.4	- 0.3	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	17.6	17.9	15.5	- 0.3	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	12.2	12.4	10.1	- 0.2	+ 2.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.8	2.7	- 0.1	+ 2.0
Nondurable Good	5.4	5.5	5.4	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.4	1.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	106.6	106.8	103.6	- 0.2	+ 3.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.0	8.1	7.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.5	32.9	31.4	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	24.6	25.0	23.6	- 0.4	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.3	6.3	6.2	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	32.9	32.7	31.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
GOVERNMENT	26.9	26.8	26.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
State and Local	21.9	21.8	21.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
State	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0
Local	15.2	15.1	14.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA during January, 1991, estimated at 133,100, decreased from an estimated 134,000 in December, but reflected a significant increase from the year-ago estimate of 127,600.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 26,500, fell below the December total of 27,200, yet remained above the January, 1990 estimate of 24,000. Job losses in construction from December to January were caused by adverse weather conditions. Mining employment showed an over-the-month drop from 3,200 to 3,100. Total manufacturing employment decreased to 17,600, down from 17,900 in December with job losses occurring in both durable and nondurable goods production.

Service producing employment dropped to 106,600, down 200 from the December revised estimate. A seasonal job loss in retail trade reflects most of the December to January employment decline. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment dropped 100 during the past month. Services employment increased to 32,900 up from 32,700 in December. Government employment rose 100 from the December revised estimate.

An estimated 13,200 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport area had average weekly earnings of $551.24, down from $568.58 in December. Average weekly hours increased slightly to 42.6, increasing 0.2 hours during the past month. Average hourly earnings decreased to $12.94, down $0.47 from the previous month.

The Shreveport area had a civilian labor force in January estimated at 152,600, including 141,700 employed and 10,900 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area was 7.2 percent, the unemployment rate for this area averaged 7.0 percent for November, December, and January and 7.7 percent for the same three months one year ago.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in February was estimated at 1,610,000, an increase of 4,800 from the January revised level and 55,600 higher than February, 1990.

Employment in the goods producing industry, estimated at 333,500, was 200 above the January figure. Mining employment was up due to an increase in the exploration for oil and gas. An upturn in heavy construction activity was responsible for higher construction employment. Manufacturing employment was lower due to decreases in the nondurable goods segment.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,276,500 for February, an increase of 4,600 from the January estimate. Lower employment in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry was due to less business in each segment. Seasonal decreases in the general merchandise, apparel and accessory stores, and miscellaneous retail trade segments accounted for most of the loss in the trade industry. Employment in the finance, insurance, and real estate industry remained stable over the month. Health services was mainly responsible for the increase in total services employment. Government employment was higher due to an increase in state education payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 133,000 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $500.76 in January to $481.11 in February, a decrease of $19.65, and a decrease of $3.35 from February of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.15 higher in February than last month, and $0.37 higher than February a year ago. Weekly hours averaged 40.6 during the month, a decrease of 2.2 hours from the January revised figure of 42.8 hours.

The February preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 6.6 percent, a slight decrease from the January revised rate of 7.0 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (December, January, February) was 6.6 percent compared to 6.3 percent for the same period last year.

The national unemployment rate for February, 1991 was 7.2 percent compared to 7.0 percent for January and 5.8 percent for February, 1990. This is the first time that the unemployment rate for Louisiana has been lower than the national unemployment rate since April, 1982.

Total unemployment decreased to 122,000. This decrease is primarily the result of a decline in claims for unemployment insurance.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,859,500 with a decrease in total employment to 1,737,500.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Net Change From Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1610.0	1605.2	1554.4	+ 4.8	+55.6
GOODS PRODUCING	333.5	333.3	319.7	+ 0.2	+13.8
MINING	55.9	55.7	54.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.1	53.9	52.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	93.6	93.5	86.2	+ 0.1	+ 7.4
General Contractors	18.2	18.7	16.8	- 0.5	+ 1.4
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	38.6	37.4	34.0	+ 1.2	+ 4.6
Special Trade Contractors	36.8	37.4	35.4	- 0.6	+ 1.4
MANUFACTURING	184.0	184.1	179.0	- 0.1	+ 5.0
Durable Goods	82.6	82.5	80.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Lumber and Wood Products	11.9	12.2	12.2	- 0.3	- 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.1	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	3.1	3.0	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	14.6	14.6	13.6	0	+ 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	11.8	12.0	11.2	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 0.1
Transportation Equipment	25.6	25.2	24.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	101.4	101.6	98.9	- 0.2	+ 2.5
Food & Kindred Products	20.7	20.9	19.0	- 0.2	+ 1.7
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.4	10.5	11.0	- 0.1	- 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.2	12.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	10.1	10.0	9.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.7	29.8	28.8	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Inorganic Chemicals	5.8	5.9	5.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Organic Chemicals	11.0	11.0	10.6	0	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.6	11.6	11.3	0	+ 0.3
Petroleum Refining	10.7	10.7	10.4	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.6	6.6	6.9	0	- 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	1276.5	1271.9	1234.7	+ 4.6	+41.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	110.2	110.5	109.4	- 0.3	+ 0.8
Railroad Transportation	4.7	4.7	4.9	0	- 0.2
Transportation, ex. Railroads	66.4	66.5	64.8	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Water Transportation	27.1	27.0	26.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Communications & Public Utilities	39.1	39.3	39.7	- 0.2	- 0.6
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.8	16.9	17.3	- 0.1	- 0.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.3	22.4	22.4	- 0.1	- 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Net Change From Feb. 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	371.8	374.3	360.1	- 2.5	+11.7
Wholesale Trade	86.0	86.0	83.6	0	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.2	47.3	46.4	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	38.8	38.7	37.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
Retail Trade	285.8	288.3	276.5	- 2.5	+ 9.3
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	9.8	9.9	9.2	- 0.1	+ 0.6
General Merchandise	39.1	40.5	39.9	- 1.4	- 0.8
Food Stores	56.5	56.8	54.9	- 0.3	+ 1.6
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.5	30.7	29.8	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Apparel and Accessory	15.8	16.1	15.9	- 0.3	- 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	9.6	9.6	9.1	0	+ 0.5
Eating and Drinking Places	92.8	92.5	87.6	+ 0.3	+ 5.2
Other Retail Trade	31.7	32.2	31.0	- 0.5	+ 0.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	78.7	78.7	78.6	0	+ 0.1
Banking	29.4	29.4	29.7	0	- 0.3
Insurance	26.8	26.7	26.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
SERVICES	379.5	378.4	363.1	+ 1.1	+16.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.8	21.6	21.9	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Personal Services	13.9	13.8	14.2	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Business Services	63.6	63.2	60.7	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.7	11.7	11.2	0	+ 0.5
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.8	7.8	7.4	0	+ 0.4
Amusement & Recreation Services	11.9	11.7	10.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
Health Services	119.4	118.7	113.2	+ 0.7	+ 6.2
Hospitals	52.7	52.6	50.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.5
Legal Services	15.9	16.2	15.7	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Educational Services	26.4	26.3	25.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Social Services	22.3	22.2	21.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Membership Organizations	27.0	26.9	25.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	28.6	28.7	27.6	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Miscellaneous Services	5.1	5.1	4.4	0	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	336.3	330.0	323.5	+ 6.3	+12.8
Federal	37.7	37.8	37.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	298.6	292.2	286.0	+ 6.4	+12.6
State	106.6	100.4	98.5	+ 6.2	+ 8.1
Local	192.0	191.8	187.5	+ 0.2	+ 4.5

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. '91*	Jan. '91**	Feb. '90**	Feb. '91*	Jan. '91**	Feb. '90**	Feb. '91*	Jan. '91**	Feb '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	481.11	500.76	484.46	40.6	42.8	42.2	11.85	11.70	11.48
Durable Goods	433.60	455.18	436.18	40.0	42.5	41.7	10.84	10.71	10.46
Lumber & Wood Products	323.98	389.96	364.27	36.9	42.9	41.3	8.78	9.09	8.82
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	404.43	384.13	394.18	39.0	36.9	39.3	10.37	10.41	10.03
Fabricated Metal Products	471.16	446.22	422.15	42.6	44.4	42.3	11.06	10.05	9.98
Machinery, ex. Electrical	420.89	456.26	409.92	42.6	44.6	44.8	9.88	10.23	9.15
Electric & Electronic Equip.	604.35	628.97	632.06	39.5	42.1	43.5	15.30	14.94	14.53
Transportation Equipment	444.65	487.18	453.13	38.8	42.4	40.1	11.46	11.49	11.30
Nondurable Goods	525.71	542.23	528.20	41.2	43.0	42.7	12.76	12.61	12.37
Food & Kindred Products	328.89	321.60	321.31	39.2	40.1	41.3	8.39	8.02	7.78
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	198.27	212.63	206.75	33.1	36.1	36.4	5.99	5.89	5.68
Paper & Allied Products	615.04	620.20	602.80	43.1	44.3	44.0	14.27	14.00	13.70
Printing & Publishing	416.58	415.94	408.11	39.3	38.8	36.8	10.60	10.72	11.09
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	769.97	771.48	722.95	46.3	46.7	45.1	16.63	16.52	16.03
Petroleum & Coal Products	682.80	836.18	846.13	39.4	47.7	48.6	17.33	17.53	17.41
Petroleum Refining	685.76	849.27	867.98	38.7	47.9	48.9	17.72	17.73	17.75
MINING	614.92	632.98	570.72	46.2	47.7	48.0	13.31	13.27	11.89
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	526.12	551.69	520.00	41.2	42.9	41.7	12.77	12.86	12.47
BANKING	278.50	282.36	289.34	36.5	39.0	39.1	7.63	7.24	7.40

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **133,000** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **94,400** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. '91*	Jan. '91**	Feb. '90**	Feb. '91*	Jan. '91**	Feb. '90**	Feb. '91*	Jan. '91**	Feb. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	603.91	592.02	580.44	44.9	42.9	42.9	13.45	13.80	13.53
Chemicals and Petro. Products	781.63	788.78	782.47	47.2	45.7	46.3	16.56	17.26	16.90

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 14,900 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	452.98	471.16	454.43	39.7	42.6	41.7	11.41	11.06	10.90
Durable Goods	380.32	413.88	406.72	38.3	41.1	41.0	9.93	10.07	9.92
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	350.06	349.68	400.15	37.4	37.6	41.9	9.36	9.30	9.55
Fabricated Metal Products	379.47	396.54	360.69	39.0	39.3	40.3	9.73	10.09	8.95
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	345.38	386.34	376.99	36.9	41.1	39.6	9.36	9.40	9.52
Nondurable Goods	530.19	533.94	506.60	41.1	44.2	42.5	12.90	12.08	11.92
Food & Kindred Products	351.78	366.77	360.83	38.7	43.2	42.5	9.09	8.49	8.49
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	138.72	262.26	201.24	24.0	41.3	36.0	5.78	6.35	5.59
Printing & Publishing	404.20	398.11	380.89	43.0	41.6	37.6	9.40	9.57	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	831.66	792.60	744.28	47.2	48.3	46.0	17.62	16.41	16.18

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,700 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	515.69	524.39	499.57	40.1	41.0	41.7	12.86	12.79	11.98
Lumber and Wood Products	288.97	284.25	346.04	37.0	37.5	46.2	7.81	7.58	7.49
Food and Kindred Products	261.28	267.72	298.59	35.5	34.5	37.0	7.36	7.76	8.07
Printing and Publishing	370.26	360.48	365.90	37.1	35.1	36.3	9.98	10.27	10.08
Chemicals & Allied Products	600.85	589.79	618.61	41.9	41.1	46.9	14.34	14.35	13.19

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,100 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY, 1991				REVISED JANUARY, 1991				REVISED FEBRUARY, 1990			
(in thousands)	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	1859.5	1737.5	122.0	6.6	1869.9	1738.4	131.5	7.0	1820.4	1696.3	124.1	6.8
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	56.5	52.6	3.9	6.9	57.2	52.8	4.4	7.7	56.6	52.7	3.9	6.9
Baton Rouge 2/	268.6	253.9	14.7	5.5	268.1	252.0	16.1	6.0	263.5	248.9	14.6	5.5
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	68.5	64.2	4.3	6.2	68.9	64.4	4.5	6.5	66.5	62.1	4.4	6.6
Lafayette 4/	104.6	99.6	5.0	4.8	104.9	99.2	5.7	5.4	99.7	94.1	5.6	5.6
Lake Charles 5/	76.2	71.3	4.9	6.5	76.4	70.9	5.5	7.2	74.3	69.1	5.2	7.0
Monroe 6/	66.7	62.4	4.3	6.4	67.5	62.7	4.8	7.1	67.5	63.4	4.1	6.1
New Orleans 7/	569.4	539.7	29.7	5.2	572.5	541.2	31.3	5.5	562.8	529.1	33.7	6.0
Shreveport 8/	151.0	141.0	10.0	6.6	153.0	142.0	11.0	7.2	150.4	139.9	10.5	7.0

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
February 1990	128.0		
February 1991	134.8	+ 0.1	+ 5.3

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 91				REVISED JANUARY 91			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,200	19,525	1,675	7.9	21,150	19,625	1,525	7.2
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,650	8,225	1,425	14.6	9,100	8,075	1,025	11.4
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,450	5,550	900	13.9	6,475	5,525	950	14.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,075	14,050	2,025	12.6	16,250	14,000	2,250	13.9
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,200	12,300	900	6.9	13,350	12,400	950	7.1
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,675	6,125	550	8.3	6,750	6,125	625	9.2
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,150	3,750	400	9.7	4,225	3,750	475	11.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,425	4,200	225	5.1	4,425	4,200	225	4.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,500	2,950	550	15.5	3,525	2,925	600	17.2
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,150	6,700	450	6.2	7,225	6,725	500	6.9
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,125	7,725	1,400	15.4	9,300	7,725	1,575	17.0
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	10,900	9,900	1,000	9.1	11,050	9,975	1,075	9.7
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,350	2,725	625	18.9	3,325	2,700	625	18.9
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	6,825	6,375	450	6.8	6,850	6,375	475	7.1
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,625	12,575	1,050	7.7	13,550	12,475	1,075	8.0
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,625	7,625	1,000	11.5	8,725	7,575	1,150	13.0
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,100	6,450	650	9.1	7,275	6,525	750	10.2
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,250	24,575	1,675	6.4	26,575	24,625	1,950	7.3
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,150	9,975	1,175	10.5	11,225	9,975	1,250	11.1
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	5,900	5,500	400	6.7	5,975	5,575	400	6.9
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	10,925	10,075	850	7.8	11,100	10,050	1,050	9.6
JENA (LASALLE)	5,775	5,300	475	8.3	5,925	5,350	575	9.8
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,975	17,225	750	4.2	17,975	17,225	750	4.2
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,375	4,650	725	13.5	5,325	4,600	725	13.7
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,625	11,200	1,425	11.3	12,775	11,225	1,550	12.1
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	14,900	13,575	1,325	8.9	15,150	13,650	1,500	10.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,425	7,900	525	6.2	8,525	7,900	625	7.4
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	6,725	5,825	900	13.2	6,900	5,875	1,025	14.9
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	3,775	3,450	325	8.4	4,000	3,450	550	13.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	7,800	6,775	1,025	13.0	7,825	6,675	1,150	14.7
MANY (SABINE)	10,000	9,325	675	6.7	9,975	9,325	650	6.6
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,475	2,275	200	8.3	2,500	2,250	250	9.8
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,500	8,725	775	8.1	9,600	8,725	875	9.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,175	27,225	2,950	9.8	30,400	27,175	3,225	10.6
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,725	22,000	1,725	7.2	23,950	22,050	1,900	7.9
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	36,275	33,150	3,125	8.6	36,550	33,300	3,250	8.9
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,200	1,950	250	10.9	2,225	1,925	300	13.7
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,150	7,400	750	9.1	8,200	7,450	750	9.0
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	17,500	16,075	1,425	8.2	17,550	16,000	1,550	8.9
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,425	17,175	1,250	6.7	18,600	17,300	1,300	7.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,200	15,700	1,500	8.7	17,325	15,700	1,625	9.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,425	16,525	1,900	10.3	18,300	16,575	1,725	9.4
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,425	3,450	975	22.1	4,475	3,425	1,050	23.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	3,925	3,575	350	9.0	4,025	3,650	375	9.2
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,975	5,475	500	8.4	5,900	5,475	425	7.4

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Net Change From Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.3	46.1	46.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
GOODS PRODUCING	6.3	6.2	6.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	2.9	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.5	0	- 0.3
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.1	0	- 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.0	39.9	39.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.3	10.4	10.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.4	8.5	8.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.3	12.3	11.9	0	+ 0.4
Health Services	5.3	5.4	5.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.1	12.9	12.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.0	10.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
State	4.6	4.5	4.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	5.6	5.5	5.6	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 46,300 for the current month. This estimate was 200 more than last month, and 200 more than February, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,300 for February. This estimate was 100 more than last month, as a result of an increase in the construction industry. Compared to February of last year, this figure declined by 200, with the largest decline centered in durable goods.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,000. This estimate was 100 more than January, as a result of an increase in state and local government. Compared to February of last year, service producing employment increased by 400, with the largest increase centered in the services sector.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Net Change From Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	239.5	235.9	232.0	+ 3.6	+ 7.5
GOODS PRODUCING	51.5	51.2	50.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	27.3	27.2	28.1	+ 0.1	- 0.8
MANUFACTURING	23.4	23.2	21.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Durable Goods	5.7	5.6	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	17.7	17.6	16.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.1	1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.3	12.3	11.8	0	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	188.0	184.7	181.2	+ 3.3	+ 6.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.4	11.3	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.0	54.1	51.6	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	41.5	41.6	39.1	- 0.1	+ 2.4
General Merchandise	6.5	6.7	6.5	- 0.2	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	12.8	0	+ 0.2
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
SERVICES	54.6	54.4	51.8	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
GOVERNMENT	55.0	51.9	54.2	+ 3.1	+ 0.8
Federal	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
State and Local	52.5	49.4	51.7	+ 3.1	+ 0.8
State	29.9	26.8	29.4	+ 3.1	+ 0.5
Local	22.6	22.6	22.3	0	+ 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The Baton Rouge MSA nonagricultural employment, under the influence of seasonal expansion, rose 3,600 to a level of 239,500 during February. This figure was 7,500 above the year-ago estimate.

The goods producing sector continued to climb in February to a level of 51,500. Manufacturing led the upturn with more business in both durable and nondurable goods. Construction provided additional employment due to more business in heavy and special trade construction.

The service producing sector responded to the seasonal return of nonfaculty staff to state colleges and universities. More business in sanitary services pushed transportation, communications, and public utilities up to a level of 11,400. Trade employment continued seasonal cutbacks in retail department and apparel stores. The services industry gained 100 each in membership organizations and health services.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,900 production workers in all manufacturing was $603.91 for February, an increase of $11.89 from the January average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $23.47. Average weekly hours at 44.9, increased 2.0 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.45 decreased by $0.35 per hour. A longer workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA rose to 268,600 in February. Total employment increased to 253,900, while unemployment dropped to 14,700. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 5.5 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,640 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,804 referrals to current openings resulted in 167 placements during the month of February.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	57.8	57.8	55.5	0	+ 2.3
GOODS PRODUCING	13.1	13.3	11.9	- 0.2	+ 1.2
MINING	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	5.5	5.7	4.9	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	3.4	0	+ 0.8
Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.5	1.5	- 0.2	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	44.7	44.5	43.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.5	6.5	6.6	0	- 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.5	13.9	0	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.0	2.9	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.6	11.5	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.7	10.8	10.2	- 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	10.9	10.6	10.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.5	10.2	10.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
State	3.1	2.8	2.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Local	7.4	7.4	7.4	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA remained at the same level as in January, but was 2,300 above the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment decreased to 13,100, down 200 from January, but was 1,200 above the February, 1990 figure. Mining held steady in the worst season of the year for outside work. Construction remained at the same level. In manufacturing, the nondurable goods segment lost jobs due to seasonal decreases in seafood processing and sugar processing.

Service producing employment showed an overall gain of 200. In trade, a small gain in the retail sector was balanced by a minor decrease in the wholesale sector. Services tapered off largely in business services. State government pushed up in state educational services as the spring semester moved further along.

Estimated unemployment was 4,300 in February. Unemployment presently comprises 6.2 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 958.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Net Change From Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	99.1	98.5	93.0	+ 0.6	+ 6.1
GOODS PRODUCING	26.5	26.7	24.5	- 0.2	+ 2.0
MINING	13.1	13.3	11.9	- 0.2	+ 1.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.3	4.3	3.7	0	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	9.1	9.1	8.9	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.8	2.7	2.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	6.3	6.4	6.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	72.6	71.8	68.5	+ 0.8	+ 4.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.4	7.3	6.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.7	25.7	24.1	0	+ 1.6
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.1	5.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	19.5	19.6	18.4	- 0.1	+ 1.1
General Merchandise	2.5	2.6	2.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.3	3.3	0	0
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	22.4	22.2	20.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
GOVERNMENT	13.8	13.3	13.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
Federal	0.9	1.0	1.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	12.9	12.3	12.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
State	5.1	4.5	4.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Local	7.8	7.8	7.5	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 99,100 in February. This estimate was 600 higher than last month's level and 6,100 above the February, 1990 revised level.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,500 for February. This estimate was 200 below the January figure, but 2,000 above the year-ago revised figure. The drop in goods producing employment for February, 1991 was due to mining.

Service producing employment was estimated at 72,600 for February. This estimate was 800 above the January, 1991 level. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was up by 100 from the prior month. Services rose by 200 due to an employment increase in engineering, accounting, amusement and recreation. Government was up by 500 for February due to students being hired for the spring semester.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Net Change From Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	67.0	66.3	64.3	+ 0.7	+ 2.7
GOODS PRODUCING	19.0	18.6	17.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
MINING	1.4	1.3	1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.2	5.8	4.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
MANUFACTURING	11.4	11.5	12.0	- 0.1	- 0.6
Durable Goods	2.7	2.7	3.2	0	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.8	8.8	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	48.0	47.7	46.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.4	4.2	4.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.1	15.2	15.1	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.4	3.1	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	11.7	11.8	12.0	- 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	14.7	14.5	13.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.2	10.8	0	+ 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.6	10.2	0	+ 0.4
State	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.3	7.3	7.1	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 67,000, an increase of 700 from the January, 1991 revised estimate. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural employment in the MSA has increased by 2,700.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,000, a gain of 400 from the January, 1991 level. Mining and construction both showed a strong increase in employment in February, with the construction industry increasing by 400 and mining by 100. Manufacturing had a minimal drop of 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 48,000, an increase of 300 from the January level. Transportation, communications, and public utilities and services each had a gain of 200, while trade was off by 100 in February. The gain in employment in the services sector and the loss in employment in the trade sector was due to seasonal factors.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Net Change From Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.0	58.0	58.4	0	- 0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	10.6	10.7	10.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.7	7.7	7.7	0	0
Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.6	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.8	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.4	47.3	47.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.9	15.2	14.5	- 0.3	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.8	3.7	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.2	11.4	10.8	- 0.2	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.3	4.4	+ 0.1	0
Banking	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.4	13.2	13.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	11.7	11.6	12.6	+ 0.1	- 0.9
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	11.0	10.9	11.9	+ 0.1	- 0.9
State	4.8	4.7	5.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Local	6.2	6.2	6.6	0	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 58,000. This estimate was unchanged from last month, and 400 below the February, 1990 estimate.

Goods producing, estimated at 10,600, was 100 below last month. The loss was in construction.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 47,400. This was 100 above the January estimate. Services, primarily health services, increased by 200. Finance, insurance, and real estate and government increased by 100. Trade declined by 300.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Net Change From Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	541.1	539.6	526.3	+ 1.5	+14.8
GOODS PRODUCING	83.2	82.5	78.8	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
MINING	14.1	14.0	13.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.8	13.7	13.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	23.7	23.5	21.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	45.4	45.0	43.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.0
Durable Goods	24.2	24.0	22.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.4	3.4	3.1	0	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	14.8	14.6	13.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.3	11.1	10.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Nondurable Goods	21.2	21.0	20.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	5.6	5.5	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.0	1.9	2.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.7	3.7	3.4	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	457.9	457.1	447.5	+ 0.8	+10.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	43.5	43.6	43.5	- 0.1	0
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.2	8.2	8.0	0	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	13.0	13.1	13.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Comm. & Public Util.	13.0	13.0	13.1	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.1	133.5	131.8	- 0.4	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	30.6	30.8	30.7	- 0.2	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.5	17.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.3	13.2	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	102.5	102.7	101.1	- 0.2	+ 1.4
General Merchandise	12.5	12.8	12.4	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Food Stores	20.5	20.3	19.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Eating & Drinking Places	36.3	35.7	35.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.4	31.3	31.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Banking	10.2	10.2	10.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	159.5	158.2	152.0	+ 1.3	+ 7.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.7	14.5	14.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Health Services	41.9	41.6	40.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Educational Services	19.3	19.2	17.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	90.4	90.5	88.5	- 0.1	+ 1.9
Federal	16.0	16.1	15.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	74.4	74.4	72.6	0	+ 1.8
State	20.1	20.1	19.7	0	+ 0.4
Local	54.3	54.3	52.9	0	+ 1.4

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for February was estimated at 541,100, an increase of 1,500 over the January level. Gains were experienced in most industry divisions.

Goods producing employment increased to 83,200, up 700 from January, and 4,400 above the February, 1990 figure. Mining inched up mostly in the oil and gas extraction segment. Construction benefited from additional heavy construction projects. In manufacturing, ship and boat building and repairing, food and kindred products, and apparel and other textile products, rose due to an increase in business.

Service producing employment added 800 workers from the previous month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities moved down as local port activity eased. Trade was reduced to pre-holiday employment levels. Finance, insurance, and real estate edged up. Government showed a loss in the federal sector. Services employment rose throughout the industry.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $452.98 per week, down $18.18 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 39.7, down 2.9 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.41, up $0.35 from January, and up $0.51 over January of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 29,700 for February. The unemployment rate registered 5.2 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 6,762.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Feb. 1991*	Jan. 1991**	Feb. 1990**	Net Change From Jan. 1991	Net Change From Feb. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	132.7	133.2	130.1	- 0.5	+ 2.6
GOODS PRODUCING	26.5	26.5	26.1	0	+ 0.4
MINING	3.1	3.1	3.2	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	17.7	17.7	17.5	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	12.3	12.2	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.4	0	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.0	1.8	0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.1	5.2	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.6	4.7	+ 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.5	5.4	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.4	1.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	106.2	106.7	104.0	- 0.5	+ 2.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.1	8.0	8.1	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.3	32.6	31.1	- 0.3	+ 1.2
Wholesale Trade	7.9	8.0	7.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	24.4	24.6	23.3	- 0.2	+ 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.3	6.3	6.3	0	0
SERVICES	32.8	33.0	32.0	- 0.2	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	26.7	26.8	26.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Federal	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 0.1	0
State and Local	21.8	21.8	21.6	0	+ 0.2
State	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0
Local	15.1	15.1	14.9	0	+ 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport area decreased to an estimated 132,700 in February, dropping 500 below the revised total for January, while showing a 2,600 increase from one year ago.

Goods producing employment was unchanged from the 26,500 estimate for January. There was only a small over-the-year job growth in construction and manufacturing. Mining employment dropped 100 from the February, 1990 figure.

Service producing employment decreased to 106,200, falling below the 106,700 estimate for January. Trade dropped to 32,300, down 300 from the total in January. Services employment, at 32,800, had an over-the-month decrease of 200. Total government employment decreased to 26,700, down 100 from the estimate for January. The finance, insurance, and real estate sector was unchanged at 6,300. Transportation, communications, and public utilities increased to 8,100, a gain of 100 from January.The over-the-year gain of 2,200 in service producing employment includes a significant increase in trade and services.

An estimated 13,100 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport area had average weekly earnings of $515.69, down $8.70 from January. The average weekly hours of 40.1 dropped below 41.0 in January. Average hourly earnings rose slightly over the month from $12.79 to $12.86.

The current civilian labor force estimated at 151,000, includes 141,000 employed and 10,000 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 6.6 percent. The average unemployment rate for December, January, and February in this area was 7.0 percent, down from 7.3 percent for the same period one year ago.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1991

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,512	1,222	290	22	18	4	26	21	5
Contract Construction (15-17)	10,322	6,826	3,496	453	322	131	1,941	1,327	614
Manufacturing (20-29)	6,361	3,086	3,275	149	67	82	219	122	97
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,646	1,004	642	60	42	18	140	65	75
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,099	719	380	26	19	7	129	74	55
Retail Trade (52-59)	4,340	2,463	1,877	157	92	65	484	230	254
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,083	798	285	34	27	7	145	98	47
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	8,132	4,230	3,902	252	147	105	763	388	375
Public Administration (91-97)	1,053	542	511	41	28	13	97	41	56
All Others	87	50	37	0	0	0	35	17	18
Totals	35,635	20,940	14,695	1,194	762	432	3,979	2,383	1,596
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	3,619	2,847	772	102	85	17	461	346	115
Clerical and Sales	6,577	4,611	1,966	210	154	56	776	487	289
Services Occupations	3,114	971	2,143	120	48	72	261	76	185
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	1,136	335	801	35	18	17	35	7	28
Processing Occupations	1,275	579	696	11	8	3	32	16	16
Machine Trades	1,725	1,136	589	90	57	33	182	143	39
Benchwork Occupations	1,647	780	867	42	11	31	53	37	16
Structural Work Occupations	10,417	6,488	3,929	431	295	136	1,834	1,131	703
Miscellaneous Occupations	6,125	3,193	2,932	153	86	67	345	140	205
Totals	35,635	20,940	14,695	1,194	762	432	3,979	2,383	1,596

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1991

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	89	74	15	191	153	38	26	25	1
Contract Construction (15-17)	203	168	35	219	132	87	538	406	132
Manufacturing (20-29)	467	303	164	263	105	158	103	49	54
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	79	64	15	51	44	7	51	35	16
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	53	32	21	69	53	16	20	18	2
Retail Trade (52-59)	148	95	53	156	96	60	145	97	48
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	22	22	0	43	34	9	30	23	7
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	254	153	101	347	253	94	203	124	79
Public Administration (91-97)	22	17	5	29	19	10	23	12	11
All Others	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1,338	928	410	1,368	889	479	1,139	789	350
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	130	115	15	212	184	28	129	104	25
Clerical and Sales	184	152	32	307	250	57	223	169	54
Services Occupations	103	37	66	110	48	62	81	28	53
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	41	14	27	20	9	11	42	10	32
Processing Occupations	291	177	114	118	44	74	23	14	9
Machine Trades	51	48	3	37	24	13	48	34	14
Benchwork Occupations	15	7	8	84	39	45	12	8	4
Structural Work Occupations	280	218	62	261	156	105	449	326	123
Miscellaneous Occupations	243	160	83	219	135	84	132	96	36
Totals	1,338	928	410	1,368	889	479	1,139	789	350

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19th OF FEBRUARY 1991

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
Industry	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	35	34	1	116	86	30	180	130	50
Contract Construction (15-17)	345	275	70	1,629	966	663	445	279	166
Manufacturing (20-29)	186	101	85	950	384	566	688	359	329
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	41	32	9	610	331	279	163	104	59
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	5	3	2	381	236	145	122	73	49
Retail Trade (52-59)	137	87	50	1,437	745	692	443	237	206
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	37	32	5	506	344	162	109	86	23
Services & Misc. (70-89 and 01-09)	317	186	131	2,262	1,183	1,079	839	415	424
Public Administration (91-97)	36	11	25	226	98	128	91	51	40
All Others	2	2	0	16	14	2	2	2	0
Totals	1,141	763	378	8,133	4,387	3,746	3,082	1,736	1,346
Occupations									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	137	123	14	1,303	952	351	341	275	66
Clerical and Sales	251	183	68	2,241	1,428	813	672	492	180
Services Occupations	98	24	74	970	239	731	412	94	318
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	10	6	4	66	26	40	52	8	44
Processing Occupations	17	10	7	115	38	77	34	5	29
Machine Trades	131	82	49	344	217	127	149	71	78
Benchwork Occupations	27	16	11	313	63	250	387	229	158
Structural Work Occupations	294	229	65	1,715	945	770	535	317	218
Miscellaneous Occupations	176	90	86	1,066	479	587	500	245	255
Totals	1,141	763	378	8,133	4,387	3,746	3,082	1,736	1,346

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,614,400 for March, an increase of 2,600 from the February revised level and 47,200 above the March, 1990 figure.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 332,100 for March. This was a decrease of 1,200 from last month's estimate of 333,300. Mining employment dropped as a result of less exploration for oil and gas. Employment in construction was higher due to more business throughout the industry. A temporary shutdown by a firm in the transportation equipment segment was largely responsible for the lower employment in manufacturing.

Employment in the service producing industries was estimated at 1,282,300 for March. This estimate was 3,800 higher than the February revised figure of 1,278,500. Transportation, communications, and public utilities remained stable for March. Trade employment was up mainly due to increases in retail trade. Employment in finance, insurance, and real estate increased as a result of more business in most segments of the industry. Higher employment for business and health services accounted for much of the gain in services employment. An increase in state and local government accounted for most of the gain in total government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 132,200 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $489.13 in February to $486.04 in March, a decrease of $3.09, and a decrease of $7.50 from March of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.33 lower in March than February and four cents lower than March a year ago. Average weekly hours for March were 41.9, an increase of 0.9 hours from the February revised level of 41.0 hours.

The March preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 6.2 percent, a decrease from the February revised rate of 6.6 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (January, February, March) was 6.6 percent compared to 6.5 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for March was 7.1 percent. The national unemployment rate for February was 7.2 percent.

Total unemployment decreased to 118,000. This decrease is due to a normal seasonal decline in unemployment and a decline in claims for unemployment insurance.

The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,900,800 with an increase in total employment to 1,782,800.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1614.4	1611.8	1567.2	+ 2.6	+47.2
GOODS PRODUCING	332.1	333.3	322.8	- 1.2	+ 9.3
MINING	55.7	55.9	54.8	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Oil and Gas Extraction	53.9	54.1	53.0	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	93.8	93.1	88.3	+ 0.7	+ 5.5
General Contractors	18.8	18.7	17.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	37.9	37.7	35.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Special Trade Contractors	37.1	36.7	35.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
MANUFACTURING	182.6	184.3	179.7	- 1.7	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	80.9	82.5	80.7	- 1.6	+ 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	12.6	12.0	12.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.2	5.4	0	- 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.1	3.0	- 0.1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	14.6	14.5	13.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	11.9	11.8	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.6	6.7	6.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	23.3	25.5	24.5	- 2.2	- 1.2
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.7	3.7	3.8	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	101.7	101.8	99.0	- 0.1	+ 2.7
Food & Kindred Products	20.6	20.7	19.0	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.6	10.5	11.0	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.3	12.0	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	10.0	10.1	9.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.8	29.8	28.8	0	+ 1.0
Inorganic Chemicals	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2
Organic Chemicals	11.0	11.0	10.6	0	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.7	11.7	11.3	0	+ 0.4
Petroleum Refining	10.8	10.8	10.4	0	+ 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.7	6.7	7.0	0	- 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	1282.3	1278.5	1244.4	+ 3.8	+37.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	110.4	110.4	110.4	0	0
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	66.4	66.5	65.7	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Water Transportation	27.1	27.0	27.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Communications & Public Utilities	39.2	39.1	39.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.8	16.8	17.3	0	- 0.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.3	22.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Net Change From Feb. 1991	Net Change From Mar. 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	373.9	372.9	362.8	+ 1.0	+11.1
Wholesale Trade	85.9	85.8	84.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.1	47.1	46.7	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	38.8	38.7	37.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
Retail Trade	288.0	287.1	278.7	+ 0.9	+ 9.3
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.1	9.9	9.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
General Merchandise	40.2	40.2	39.7	0	+ 0.5
Food Stores	57.0	56.7	55.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.5	30.5	30.1	0	+ 0.4
Apparel and Accessory	15.8	15.9	15.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	9.5	9.5	9.1	0	+ 0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	93.2	92.6	88.9	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Other Retail Trade	31.7	31.8	30.2	- 0.1	+ 1.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.1	78.8	79.1	+ 0.3	0
Banking	29.5	29.4	29.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Insurance	26.9	26.8	26.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
SERVICES	381.5	380.4	367.5	+ 1.1	+14.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.9	21.8	22.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Personal Services	13.8	13.8	14.4	0	- 0.6
Business Services	64.2	63.5	62.0	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.5	11.6	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.9	7.8	7.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Amusement & Recreation Services	12.0	11.9	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Health Services	119.7	119.5	113.9	+ 0.2	+ 5.8
Hospitals	53.0	52.7	50.4	+ 0.3	+ 2.6
Legal Services	16.0	16.0	15.8	0	+ 0.2
Educational Services	26.8	26.7	26.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Social Services	22.5	22.3	21.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Membership Organizations	27.0	27.1	25.7	- 0.1	+ 1.3
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	28.8	28.8	28.0	0	+ 0.8
Miscellaneous Services	5.1	5.2	4.5	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	337.4	336.0	324.6	+ 1.4	+12.8
Federal	38.0	37.8	38.7	+ 0.2	- 0.7
State and Local	299.4	298.2	285.9	+ 1.2	+13.5
State	107.0	106.2	98.3	+ 0.8	+ 8.7
Local	192.4	192.0	187.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.8

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. '91*	Feb. '91**	Mar. '90**	Mar. '91*	Feb. '91**	Mar. '90**	Mar. '91*	Feb. '91**	Mar. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	486.04	489.13	493.54	41.9	41.0	42.4	11.60	11.93	11.64
Durable Goods	421.26	431.60	441.60	41.3	40.0	41.7	10.20	10.79	10.59
Lumber & Wood Products	377.95	316.59	364.21	42.9	36.6	41.2	8.81	8.65	8.84
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	405.81	400.93	405.56	40.5	38.7	39.8	10.02	10.36	10.19
Fabricated Metal Products	436.29	468.52	417.25	42.9	42.4	41.6	10.17	11.05	10.03
Machinery, ex. Electrical	434.26	420.46	423.58	43.6	42.6	45.4	9.96	9.87	9.33
Electric & Electronic Equip.	528.84	618.97	626.45	36.0	41.1	42.1	14.69	15.06	14.88
Transportation Equipment	413.60	443.89	472.12	40.0	38.7	40.7	10.34	11.47	11.60
Nondurable Goods	543.14	543.06	540.91	42.4	42.0	43.1	12.81	12.93	12.55
Food & Kindred Products	337.00	327.41	320.80	40.7	39.4	40.0	8.28	8.31	8.02
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	200.59	196.54	198.56	33.6	33.2	36.3	5.97	5.92	5.47
Paper & Allied Products	622.05	608.88	630.78	43.5	43.0	44.8	14.30	14.16	14.08
Printing & Publishing	418.94	416.19	433.36	38.4	39.3	40.2	10.91	10.59	10.78
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	770.76	775.70	745.44	46.6	46.2	46.1	16.54	16.79	16.17
Petroleum & Coal Products	822.12	840.45	869.45	46.5	46.9	48.6	17.68	17.92	17.89
Petroleum Refining	840.72	858.27	891.09	46.5	46.9	48.8	18.08	18.30	18.26
MINING	579.99	608.12	572.46	45.1	46.0	47.0	12.86	13.22	12.18
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	521.66	523.68	515.42	41.5	41.3	41.6	12.57	12.68	12.39
BANKING	279.33	278.16	292.50	36.9	36.6	39.0	7.57	7.60	7.50

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **132,200** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **93,900** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. '91*	Feb. '91**	Mar. '90**	Mar. '91*	Feb. '91**	Mar. '90**	Mar. '91*	Feb. '91**	Mar. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	608.19	618.34	607.84	44.2	45.2	44.4	13.76	13.68	13.69
Chemicals and Petro. Products	800.59	828.37	810.12	46.6	48.9	47.1	17.18	16.94	17.20

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately __15,200__ production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	459.10	447.88	468.42	40.7	39.6	42.2	11.28	11.31	11.10
Durable Goods	396.41	379.71	406.41	39.8	38.2	40.6	9.96	9.94	10.01
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	364.08	350.43	413.09	41.8	37.6	41.6	8.71	9.32	9.93
Fabricated Metal Products	421.41	369.46	382.93	41.6	37.7	42.5	10.13	9.80	9.01
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	355.64	344.65	368.63	38.2	36.9	38.6	9.31	9.34	9.55
Nondurable Goods	529.19	524.06	536.80	41.8	41.2	44.0	12.66	12.72	12.20
Food & Kindred Products	365.93	346.99	354.03	42.5	38.9	41.7	8.61	8.92	8.49
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	105.28	141.53	213.30	18.8	24.7	36.4	5.60	5.73	5.86
Printing & Publishing	405.19	403.77	412.10	40.6	43.0	41.5	9.98	9.39	9.93
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	810.46	812.16	786.44	49.0	47.0	48.1	16.54	17.28	16.35

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately __31,600__ production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	449.12	512.32	513.35	39.5	39.9	41.2	11.37	12.84	12.46
Lumber and Wood Products	301.06	288.97	305.66	38.4	37.0	41.7	7.84	7.81	7.33
Food and Kindred Products	308.90	270.10	241.76	39.3	37.0	33.3	7.86	7.30	7.26
Printing and Publishing	369.81	370.26	382.96	35.8	37.1	38.8	10.33	9.98	9.87
Chemicals & Allied Products	597.89	600.85	649.13	43.2	41.9	46.7	13.84	14.34	13.90

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately __11,100__ production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY MARCH, 1991				REVISED FEBRUARY, 1991				REVISED MARCH, 1990			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	1,900.8	1,782.8	118.0	6.2	1,860.4	1,738.1	122.3	6.6	1,836.4	1,719.5	116.9	6.4
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.6	54.2	3.4	5.9	56.5	52.6	3.9	6.9	57.3	53.6	3.7	6.5
Baton Rouge 2/	274.8	260.9	13.9	5.0	268.5	253.8	14.7	5.5	265.2	250.9	14.3	5.4
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.3	66.5	3.8	5.4	68.6	64.3	4.3	6.2	67.1	63.0	4.1	6.1
Lafayette 4/	107.2	102.3	4.9	4.6	104.4	99.4	5.0	4.8	100.8	95.7	5.1	5.1
Lake Charles 5/	78.9	74.3	4.6	5.9	77.5	72.5	5.0	6.4	75.6	70.6	5.0	6.6
Monroe 6/	68.4	64.5	3.9	5.7	66.9	62.6	4.3	6.4	67.8	63.9	3.9	5.8
New Orleans 7/	582.2	552.5	29.7	5.1	568.5	538.8	29.7	5.2	567.1	534.5	32.6	5.8
Shreveport 8/	155.2	142.6	12.6	8.1	151.6	141.6	10.0	6.6	151.0	141.0	10.0	6.6

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
March 1990	128.7		
March 1991	135.0	+ 0.1	+ 4.9

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY MARCH 91				REVISED FEBRUARY 91			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,500	19,975	1,525	7.1	21,200	19,525	1,675	7.9
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,975	8,625	1,350	13.4	9,575	8,175	1,400	14.7
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,375	5,725	650	10.2	6,425	5,550	875	13.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,250	14,425	1,825	11.3	16,075	14,075	2,000	12.5
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,375	12,625	750	5.5	13,150	12,250	900	6.9
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,875	6,325	550	7.9	6,675	6,125	550	8.4
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,200	3,800	400	9.4	4,150	3,725	425	10.0
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,550	4,350	200	4.6	4,450	4,225	225	5.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,575	3,075	500	14.2	3,475	2,950	525	15.4
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,275	6,850	425	5.7	7,150	6,700	450	6.3
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,400	8,075	1,325	14.0	9,125	7,725	1,400	15.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,275	10,225	1,050	9.4	10,875	9,875	1,000	9.1
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,475	2,875	600	17.2	3,375	2,725	650	19.2
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	6,975	6,550	425	6.0	6,850	6,375	475	6.8
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,750	12,800	950	6.8	13,600	12,550	1,050	7.8
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,825	7,900	925	10.6	8,625	7,600	1,025	11.8
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,275	6,725	550	7.5	7,075	6,425	650	9.2
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,800	25,150	1,650	6.1	26,225	24,550	1,675	6.4
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,400	10,300	1,100	9.7	11,125	9,975	1,150	10.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,050	5,700	350	5.8	5,900	5,500	400	6.7
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,000	10,225	775	7.2	10,925	10,075	850	7.9
JENA (LASALLE)	5,875	5,400	475	7.9	5,775	5,300	475	8.4
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,150	17,575	575	3.2	17,950	17,200	750	4.2
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,400	4,825	575	10.7	5,375	4,650	725	13.5
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,825	11,600	1,225	9.5	12,675	11,200	1,475	11.6
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,100	14,050	1,050	6.9	14,925	13,575	1,350	9.0
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,500	7,975	525	6.3	8,425	7,900	525	6.2
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	6,725	6,000	725	10.8	6,725	5,825	900	13.4
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,025	3,700	325	8.0	3,775	3,450	325	8.6
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	7,900	6,975	925	11.8	7,800	6,775	1,025	13.2
MANY (SABINE)	10,175	9,600	575	5.8	10,025	9,350	675	6.7
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,525	2,325	200	7.6	2,475	2,275	200	8.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,675	9,000	675	7.1	9,500	8,725	775	8.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,450	27,825	2,625	8.6	30,175	27,200	2,975	9.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,200	22,525	1,675	6.9	23,725	22,000	1,725	7.3
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	36,650	33,700	2,950	8.0	36,250	33,125	3,125	8.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,275	2,075	200	8.3	2,200	1,950	250	11.0
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,275	7,575	700	8.4	8,125	7,375	750	9.3
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,175	16,750	1,425	7.9	17,525	16,050	1,475	8.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,500	17,325	1,175	6.3	18,350	17,100	1,250	6.8
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,425	15,950	1,475	8.5	17,250	15,750	1,500	8.7
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,425	16,925	1,500	8.2	18,475	16,550	1,925	10.4
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,700	3,650	1,050	22.2	4,475	3,450	1,025	23.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,050	3,775	275	6.6	3,925	3,575	350	9.0
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,025	5,600	425	7.1	5,975	5,475	500	8.5

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Net Change From Feb. 1991	Net Change From Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.6	46.5	46.6	+ 0.1	0
GOODS PRODUCING	6.6	6.4	7.0	+ 0.2	- 0.4
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.1	3.3	+ 0.2	0
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.6	0	- 0.4
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	2.2	0	- 0.4
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.0	40.1	39.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.4	8.4	8.4	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.3	12.4	12.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.3	5.4	5.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.1	13.1	12.8	0	+ 0.3
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
State and Local	10.2	10.2	9.9	0	+ 0.3
State	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
Local	5.6	5.6	5.5	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 46,600 for the current month. This estimate was 100 more than last month and unchanged from March, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,600 for March. This estimate was 200 more than last month, as a result of an increase in the construction industry. Compared to March of last year, this figure declined by 400, with the largest decline centered in durable goods manufacturing.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,000. This estimate was 100 less than February, as a result of a decrease in health services. Compared to March of last year, service producing employment increased by 400, with the largest gain centered in state and local government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Net Change From Feb. 1991	Net Change From Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	239.9	238.9	233.3	+ 1.0	+ 6.6
GOODS PRODUCING	51.3	51.1	50.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
MINING	0.9	0.8	0.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	27.1	27.0	27.6	+ 0.1	- 0.5
MANUFACTURING	23.3	23.3	22.0	0	+ 1.3
Durable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	17.7	17.7	16.7	0	+ 1.0
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.2	1.7	0	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.4	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.3	12.3	11.8	0	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	188.6	187.8	182.9	+ 0.8	+ 5.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.5	11.4	11.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.1	54.0	52.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	41.6	41.5	39.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
General Merchandise	6.6	6.5	6.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	12.8	0	+ 0.2
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
SERVICES	54.8	54.6	52.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
GOVERNMENT	55.2	54.8	54.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.7	0	- 0.3
State and Local	52.8	52.4	52.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
State	30.2	29.9	29.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Local	22.6	22.5	22.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA continued to rise in March to a level of 239,900. This figure was 1,000 above the February revised estimate and 6,600 higher than the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment at 51,300, was 200 above the February revised estimate. This gain was due to more business activity in both mining and construction. Manufacturing employment at 23,300 remained unchanged from February.

Service producing employment rose 800, to a level of 188,600, due to gains in a majority of the sectors for March. An increase in motor freight employment was responsible for the growth in the transportation, communications and public utilities industry. Trade rebounded over the month, gaining employment in retail department stores. Services increased to 54,800 due to employment gains in miscellaneous business, and amusement and recreational services. Finance, insurance, and real estate was the only sector reporting no change. Government was up 400 in March as a result of seasonal increases in state and local government.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 15,200 production workers in all manufacturing was $608.19 for March, a decrease of $10.15 from the February average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $0.35. Average weekly hours at 44.2, decreased by one hour, while average hourly earnings at $13.76, increased by eight cents per hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA was 274,800, comprised of 260,900 employed and 13,900 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 5.0 percent in March.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,546 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,808 referrals to current openings resulted in 125 placements during the month of March.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Net Change From Feb. 1991	Net Change From Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.4	57.9	56.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
GOODS PRODUCING	13.4	13.2	12.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
MINING	5.7	5.6	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	2.1	2.1	1.7	0	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	5.6	5.5	5.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	3.5	0	+ 0.7
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.3	1.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.0	44.7	44.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.6	6.5	6.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	4.1	4.0	4.1	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.5	14.4	14.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	11.6	11.5	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	10.8	10.7	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.0	11.0	11.0	0	0
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.6	10.6	10.5	0	+ 0.1
State	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.5	7.5	7.5	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA pushed up to 58,400, a level 500 above February. Gains were scattered through several segments of both goods producing and service producing employment. Total nonagricultural employment stood 2,200 above the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment increased to 13,400, up 200 from February, and 1,300 above the March, 1990 figure. Mining added workers as the weather became more favorable for outside work. In manufacturing, the nondurable goods segment increased due to more business. Construction remained at the same level.

Service producing employment exhibited a total increase of 300. Water transportation benefited both directly and indirectly from better weather conditions. Trade added workers, mostly in eating and drinking places. Services employment was boosted by a small gain spread through several segments in this industry.

Estimated unemployment was 3,800 in March. Unemployment presently comprises 5.4 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 934.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Net Change From Feb. 1991	Net Change From Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	99.7	99.2	94.2	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
GOODS PRODUCING	26.7	26.4	24.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
MINING	12.9	13.0	11.9	- 0.1	+ 1.0
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.3	3.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	9.2	9.1	9.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.8	2.8	2.5	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	6.4	6.3	6.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	73.0	72.8	69.4	+ 0.2	+ 3.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.2	7.4	6.9	- 0.2	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.8	25.9	24.5	- 0.1	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.2	5.9	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	19.6	19.7	18.6	- 0.1	+ 1.0
General Merchandise	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	22.6	22.3	21.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
GOVERNMENT	14.1	13.8	13.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Federal	1.0	0.9	1.0	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	13.1	12.9	12.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
State	5.3	5.1	4.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Local	7.8	7.8	7.5	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 99,700, an increase of 500 from the February, 1991 revised estimate.

Goods producing employment increased by 300 to an estimated figure of 26,700. Construction increased by 300 due to better weather in March and interest rates coming down. Manufacturing was up by 100, with the gain centered in the nondurable goods sector. Mining dropped by 100 from the prior month, but compared to a year ago, employment in this sector is up by 1,000.

Service producing employment increased by 200 to an estimated level of 73,000. Services rose by 300 due primarily to an increase in landscape and horticultural services. Government was up by 300 due to employment gains at state educational institutions in the MSA. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment declined by 200 due primarily to water transportation employment dropping. Trade and finance, insurance, and real estate sectors both had a minimal decrease of 100.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Net Change From Feb. 1991	Net Change From Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	68.1	67.9	65.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
GOODS PRODUCING	19.9	19.8	18.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
MINING	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.2	7.0	5.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	11.3	11.4	12.0	- 0.1	- 0.7
Durable Goods	2.6	2.7	3.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.8	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	7.9	8.0	8.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	48.2	48.1	46.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.2	15.2	15.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	11.8	11.8	12.0	0	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	14.8	14.7	13.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.2	10.8	0	+ 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.6	10.6	10.2	0	+ 0.4
State	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
Local	7.3	7.3	7.1	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 68,100 during March. This was an increase of 200 from the February estimated employment level of 67,900.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,900, a gain of 100 from the prior month. The construction industry was the only industry within the goods producing sector to show an increase in employment during March.

Service producing employment was estimated at 48,200, a gain of 100 from the February revised estimate of 48,100. Services employment was up by 100 primarily due to growth in amusement and recreation services. All other industries within the service producing sector showed no change in employment from last month.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Net Change From Feb. 1991	Net Change From Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.5	58.3	58.9	+ 0.2	- 0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	10.9	10.6	10.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.5	2.7	+ 0.2	0
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.7	7.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.0	1.9	2.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.5	0	+ 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.8	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.6	47.7	48.2	- 0.1	- 0.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.6	14.7	14.9	- 0.1	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.7	3.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.0	11.0	11.2	0	- 0.2
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.7	0	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.4	4.3	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.7	1.8	1.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	13.5	13.4	13.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.1	12.2	12.5	- 0.1	- 0.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
State and Local	11.4	11.5	11.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
State	5.3	5.3	5.3	0	0
Local	6.1	6.2	6.5	- 0.1	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 58,500 during March. This estimate was up 200 from last month, but 400 below March, 1990.

Goods producing, estimated at 10,900, was 300 above last month. Construction was up by 200. Manufacturing gained 100 in durable goods.

Service producing employment for the current month, estimated at 47,600, was down 100 from the February estimate. Trade declined by 100 with the loss in wholesale trade. Government employment declined in the local government segment. Services gained 100.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	542.0	540.3	529.1	+ 1.7	+12.9
GOODS PRODUCING	83.1	82.8	80.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
MINING	14.2	14.1	13.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.9	13.8	13.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	23.6	23.2	23.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	45.3	45.5	43.5	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Durable Goods	24.1	24.2	23.0	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	14.8	14.9	13.8	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.3	11.4	10.2	- 0.1	+ 1.1
Other Durable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Nondurable Goods	21.2	21.3	20.5	- 0.1	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.7	5.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.1	2.0	2.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.7	3.7	3.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	458.9	457.5	448.9	+ 1.4	+10.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.2	43.8	43.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.2	8.2	8.1	0	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	13.5	13.2	13.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Comm. & Public Util.	13.3	13.1	13.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.2	132.1	131.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	30.7	30.6	30.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.5	17.4	17.5	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.2	13.3	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	101.5	101.5	100.9	0	+ 0.6
General Merchandise	12.3	12.3	12.3	0	0
Food Stores	20.1	20.3	19.7	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Eating & Drinking Places	36.1	35.9	35.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.4	31.3	31.6	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	10.2	10.2	10.3	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	160.5	159.9	153.5	+ 0.6	+ 7.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.5	14.7	14.6	- 0.2	- 0.1
Health Services	41.9	41.9	40.3	0	+ 1.6
Educational Services	19.5	19.4	18.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	90.6	90.4	88.4	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Federal	16.0	16.0	15.8	0	+ 0.2
State and Local	74.6	74.4	72.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
State	20.1	20.1	19.5	0	+ 0.6
Local	54.5	54.3	53.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.4

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for March was estimated at 542,000, increasing 1,700 over the February level. Most industry divisions experienced some gain.

Goods producing employment increased to 83,100, up 300 from February and up 2,900 from the March, 1990 figure. Mining edged up. Increased chemical plant and street construction projects boosted construction employment. In manufacturing, apparel and other textile products benefited from additional orders, while food and kindred products and ship and boat building and repairing experienced losses.

Service producing employment moved up 1,400 from the previous month. Plant reorganization and increased port activity benefited transportation, communications, and public utilities employment. Trade showed a small increase in the durable goods sector of wholesale trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate pushed up. Services made appreciable seasonal gains in amusement and recreation and personnel supply services. Government added workers in local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $459.10 per week, up $11.22 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.7, up 1.1 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.28, down three cents from February, but $0.18 over March of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 29,700 for March. The unemployment rate registered 5.1 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 6,767.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Mar. 1991*	Feb. 1991**	Mar. 1990**	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	131.0	133.1	131.1	- 2.1	- 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	24.5	26.7	26.5	- 2.2	- 2.0
MINING	3.2	3.2	3.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	5.8	5.7	5.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	15.5	17.8	17.6	- 2.3	- 2.1
Durable Goods	10.0	12.3	12.2	- 2.3	- 2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.5	0.4	- 0.1	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.0	5.1	5.2	- 0.1	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.6	4.7	4.7	- 2.1	- 2.1
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.7	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	106.5	106.4	104.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.1	8.1	8.2	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.1	32.0	31.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.9	7.8	- 0.1	0
Retail Trade	24.3	24.1	23.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.4	6.4	6.2	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	33.0	33.0	32.1	0	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	26.9	26.9	26.6	0	+ 0.3
Federal	4.9	4.9	5.0	0	- 0.1
State and Local	22.0	22.0	21.6	0	+ 0.4
State	6.8	6.7	6.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	15.2	15.3	14.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimate for March dropped to 131,000, down from the revised estimate of 133,100, in February. The over-the-month decrease occurred in goods producing employment.

Goods producing employment in March declined to 24,500, showing a significant job loss from the February estimate of 26,700. This job loss was primarily in the other durable goods sector of manufacturing when a plant closed for one week, affecting 2,100 workers.

Service producing employment was estimated at 106,500. Trade showed the only increase in employment from February to March. All other segments remained unchanged.

Production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport MSA, estimated at 11,100, had average weekly earnings of $449.12, decreasing from $512.32 in February. Average weekly hours dropped to 39.5, down slightly from 39.9 in February. Average hourly earnings declined to $11.37, down $1.47 from the revised estimate for February.

The civilian labor force in the Shreveport MSA was estimated at 155,200 in March. This total includes 142,600 employed and 12,600 unemployed, resulting in an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent. The unemployment rate for January, February, and March in this area averaged 7.3 percent. This compares with 7.4 percent for the same period one year ago.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in April was estimated at 1,622,200, an increase of 6,900 employees above the March revised level and 41,300 above the April, 1990 figure.

Employment in the goods producing industries was estimated at 337,300 for April. This was an increase of 4,900 from last month's estimate of 332,400. Mining employment, estimated at 55,800, was unchanged from the March revised estimate but was 800 above the year-ago figure. Employment in construction was higher as a result of more business throughout the industry. The reopening of a plant in the transportation equipment segment was responsible for the higher employment in manufacturing.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,284,900 for April. This estimate was 2,000 higher than the March figure and 29,400 above the figure one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment remained at 110,400 in April. Trade employment increased in both the wholesale and retail trade segments. Gains in insurance and real estate agents resulted in higher employment for the finance, insurance, and real estate sector. Services employment decreased due mainly to seasonal factors in amusement and recreation, and educational services. Government employment was higher due to increases in federal government, except defense, and local government, except education, payrolls.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 134,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $486.88 in March to $496.86 in April, an increase of $9.98, and an increase of $0.34 from April of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.21 higher in April than March, but two cents lower than April a year ago. Average weekly hours for April were 42.0, an increase of 0.1 hours from the March revised level of 41.9 hours.

The April preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 6.3 percent, an insignificant increase from the March revised rate of 6.2 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (February, March, April) was 6.4 percent compared to 6.2 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for April was 6.5 percent. The national rate for March was 7.1 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 121,300. This increase occurred in the number of unemployed not covered by unemployment insurance.

The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,915,600 with an increase in total employment to 1,794,300.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1622.2	1615.3	1580.9	+ 6.9	+41.3
GOODS PRODUCING	337.3	332.4	325.4	+ 4.9	+11.9
MINING	55.8	55.8	55.0	0	+ 0.8
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.0	54.0	53.2	0	+ 0.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	97.1	94.2	89.8	+ 2.9	+ 7.3
General Contractors	19.6	18.9	17.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	39.2	38.0	36.7	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Special Trade Contractors	38.3	37.3	35.3	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURING	184.4	182.4	180.6	+ 2.0	+ 3.8
Durable Goods	82.2	80.8	80.9	+ 1.4	+ 1.3
Lumber and Wood Products	12.4	12.5	12.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.1	5.2	5.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.1	3.0	- 0.1	0
Fabricated Metal Products	14.3	14.6	13.7	- 0.3	+ 0.6
Machinery, Except Electrical	11.8	11.8	11.4	0	+ 0.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.8	6.6	6.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	25.1	23.3	24.8	+ 1.8	+ 0.3
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	102.2	101.6	99.7	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Food & Kindred Products	20.6	20.4	19.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.6	10.6	11.1	0	- 0.5
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.5	12.1	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	10.0	10.0	9.9	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.2	29.8	28.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Inorganic Chemicals	6.1	5.9	5.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Organic Chemicals	11.1	11.0	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.9	11.7	11.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Petroleum Refining	11.0	10.8	10.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.6	6.6	6.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	1284.9	1282.9	1255.5	+ 2.0	+29.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	110.4	110.4	110.0	0	+ 0.4
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	66.6	66.4	65.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Water Transportation	26.8	27.0	26.7	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Communications & Public Utilities	39.0	39.2	39.5	- 0.2	- 0.5
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.7	16.8	17.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.3	22.4	22.3	- 0.1	0

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Net Change From Mar. 1991	Apr. 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	375.7	374.1	366.4	+ 1.6	+ 9.3
Wholesale Trade	86.4	85.9	84.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.3	47.2	46.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.1	38.7	37.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Retail Trade	289.3	288.2	281.7	+ 1.1	+ 7.6
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.1	10.1	9.9	0	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	40.5	40.2	39.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Food Stores	57.1	57.0	56.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.4	30.4	30.4	0	0
Apparel and Accessory	16.1	15.9	16.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	9.5	9.5	9.1	0	+ 0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	93.8	93.4	90.2	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Other Retail Trade	31.8	31.7	30.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.2	79.0	78.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Banking	29.4	29.5	29.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Insurance	27.0	26.9	26.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
SERVICES	381.3	381.6	369.8	- 0.3	+11.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.8	22.0	22.2	- 0.2	- 0.4
Personal Services	14.2	13.9	14.5	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Business Services	64.1	64.1	61.6	0	+ 2.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.5	11.6	11.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.9	7.8	7.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	11.8	12.1	11.3	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Health Services	119.4	119.5	114.7	- 0.1	+ 4.7
Hospitals	53.0	53.0	50.6	0	+ 2.4
Legal Services	16.0	16.0	15.8	0	+ 0.2
Educational Services	26.3	26.9	25.6	- 0.6	+ 0.7
Social Services	22.4	22.5	21.5	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Membership Organizations	27.3	27.0	26.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.1	28.9	28.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Miscellaneous Services	5.1	5.1	4.5	0	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	338.3	337.8	330.9	+ 0.5	+ 7.4
Federal	38.3	38.0	38.6	+ 0.3	- 0.3
State and Local	300.0	299.8	292.3	+ 0.2	+ 7.7
State	107.3	107.4	102.4	- 0.1	+ 4.9
Local	192.7	192.4	189.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.8

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr. '91*	Mar. '91**	Apr. '90**	Apr. '91*	Mar. '91**	Apr. '90**	Apr. '91*	Mar. '91**	Apr. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	496.86	486.88	496.52	42.0	41.9	41.9	11.83	11.62	11.85
Durable Goods	434.77	421.67	439.82	40.9	41.3	40.8	10.63	10.21	10.78
Lumber & Wood Products	391.92	376.61	402.05	42.6	42.7	42.5	9.20	8.82	9.46
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	397.88	412.08	401.44	37.5	40.8	38.6	10.61	10.10	10.40
Fabricated Metal Products	418.97	436.29	400.73	41.4	42.9	41.1	10.12	10.17	9.75
Machinery, ex. Electrical	432.58	438.12	404.80	43.0	43.9	42.7	10.06	9.98	9.48
Electric & Electronic Equip.	553.28	529.98	607.23	38.0	36.5	39.0	14.56	14.52	15.57
Transportation Equipment	460.09	414.63	464.09	39.8	40.1	39.7	11.56	10.34	11.69
Nondurable Goods	553.41	545.28	546.98	43.0	42.5	42.9	12.87	12.83	12.75
Food & Kindred Products	335.37	335.27	335.34	40.7	40.2	41.4	8.24	8.34	8.10
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	211.63	200.94	199.58	34.3	34.0	35.2	6.17	5.91	5.67
Paper & Allied Products	642.81	617.40	632.39	45.3	44.1	42.7	14.19	14.00	14.81
Printing & Publishing	423.20	419.39	408.96	39.7	38.3	38.4	10.66	10.95	10.65
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	753.06	766.06	782.08	46.2	46.4	47.0	16.30	16.51	16.64
Petroleum & Coal Products	901.34	858.97	859.37	48.8	47.8	48.8	18.47	17.97	17.61
Petroleum Refining	922.67	879.04	878.89	49.0	47.8	49.1	18.83	18.39	17.90
MINING	621.35	590.14	596.92	46.3	45.5	48.1	13.42	12.97	12.41
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	532.51	519.58	527.10	41.7	41.6	41.8	12.77	12.49	12.61
BANKING	282.22	279.31	295.37	36.7	36.8	39.7	7.69	7.59	7.44

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **134,000** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **93,800** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr. '91*	Mar. '91**	Apr. '90**	Apr. '91*	Mar. '91**	Apr. '90**	Apr. '91*	Mar. '91**	Apr. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	613.78	616.33	583.01	44.9	44.5	42.9	13.67	13.85	13.59
Chemicals and Petro. Products	797.07	815.75	799.81	47.7	47.4	46.8	16.71	17.21	17.09

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 15,300 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	459.61	458.69	472.08	41.0	40.7	42.0	11.21	11.27	11.24
Durable Goods	392.04	397.20	411.82	39.6	39.8	41.1	9.90	9.98	10.02
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	355.12	375.70	380.56	37.9	42.5	39.6	9.37	8.84	9.61
Fabricated Metal Products	427.03	421.41	349.98	40.4	41.6	38.8	10.57	10.13	9.02
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	355.47	357.34	394.96	38.1	38.3	41.4	9.33	9.33	9.54
Nondurable Goods	533.38	526.67	538.79	42.5	41.7	43.0	12.55	12.63	12.53
Food & Kindred Products	363.49	365.08	341.99	41.4	42.5	39.4	8.78	8.59	8.68
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	131.67	105.28	219.19	23.1	18.8	36.9	5.70	5.60	5.94
Printing & Publishing	409.17	405.19	396.59	42.8	40.6	40.1	9.56	9.98	9.89
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	773.50	806.13	833.80	47.6	48.3	47.7	16.25	16.69	17.48

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,500 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	517.69	447.93	464.49	39.7	39.5	39.0	13.04	11.34	11.91
Lumber and Wood Products	280.86	301.06	331.57	36.1	38.4	42.4	7.78	7.84	7.82
Food and Kindred Products	305.14	308.90	196.20	41.8	39.3	30.0	7.30	7.86	6.54
Printing and Publishing	375.72	382.13	368.81	41.7	37.5	36.3	9.01	10.19	10.16
Chemicals & Allied Products	606.84	597.89	634.09	42.2	43.2	46.9	14.38	13.84	13.52

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,900 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	PRELIMINARY APRIL, 1991				REVISED MARCH, 1991				REVISED APRIL, 1990			
(in thousands)	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	1915.6	1794.3	121.3	6.3	1901.4	1783.2	118.2	6.2	1856.8	1753.7	103.1	5.6
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	58.4	54.7	3.7	6.3	57.4	54.0	3.4	6.0	56.9	53.7	3.2	5.6
Baton Rouge 2/	276.7	261.3	15.4	5.6	273.8	260.0	13.8	5.0	268.0	255.0	13.0	4.9
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	71.0	67.0	4.0	5.7	70.4	66.6	3.8	5.3	69.1	65.4	3.7	5.4
Lafayette 4/	108.1	103.1	5.0	4.6	107.0	102.1	4.9	4.6	102.7	98.4	4.3	4.1
Lake Charles 5/	81.1	75.7	5.4	6.6	79.3	74.7	4.6	5.8	77.5	73.4	4.1	5.3
Monroe 6/	68.9	64.8	4.1	5.9	68.5	64.6	3.9	5.7	68.8	65.5	3.3	4.8
New Orleans 7/	586.3	554.7	31.6	5.4	583.2	553.4	29.8	5.1	571.5	542.1	29.4	5.1
Shreveport 8/	155.4	145.3	10.1	6.5	155.3	142.7	12.6	8.1	151.9	143.2	8.7	5.7

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
Apr. 1990	128.9		
Apr. 1991	135.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.9

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

	PRELIMINARY APRIL 91				REVISED MARCH 91			
AREA	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,600	20,050	1,550	7.2	21,500	19,950	1,550	7.2
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,000	9,025	975	9.8	10,100	8,750	1,350	13.3
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,450	5,825	625	9.6	6,375	5,725	650	10.1
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,550	14,600	1,950	11.7	16,225	14,400	1,825	11.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,750	12,850	900	6.5	13,525	12,775	750	5.5
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,975	6,375	600	8.7	6,875	6,325	550	8.0
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,225	3,750	475	11.2	4,200	3,800	400	9.4
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,650	4,450	200	4.5	4,550	4,350	200	4.6
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,500	3,075	425	12.4	3,550	3,050	500	14.1
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,350	6,875	475	6.4	7,250	6,850	400	5.7
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,375	8,150	1,225	13.1	9,375	8,075	1,300	13.9
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,300	10,275	1,025	9.1	11,250	10,200	1,050	9.4
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,475	2,875	600	17.1	3,475	2,875	600	17.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	6,975	6,550	425	6.2	6,975	6,550	425	6.1
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,875	12,875	1,000	7.2	13,750	12,800	950	6.9
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,975	8,025	950	10.6	8,850	7,900	950	10.7
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,500	6,875	625	8.3	7,350	6,800	550	7.6
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,875	25,275	1,600	5.9	26,800	25,150	1,650	6.1
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,575	10,400	1,175	10.1	11,375	10,275	1,100	9.7
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,200	5,825	375	5.9	6,050	5,700	350	5.8
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,100	10,225	875	7.9	11,000	10,200	800	7.2
JENA (LASALLE)	5,975	5,475	500	8.3	5,850	5,400	450	7.9
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,275	17,650	625	3.5	18,150	17,575	575	3.1
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,500	4,875	625	11.4	5,400	4,825	575	10.7
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,900	11,650	1,250	9.7	12,800	11,575	1,225	9.6
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,250	14,075	1,175	7.8	15,100	14,050	1,050	6.9
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,375	7,825	550	6.5	8,475	7,950	525	6.3
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	6,775	6,000	775	11.4	6,725	6,000	725	10.7
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,050	3,725	325	7.8	4,000	3,675	325	8.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	7,950	7,025	925	11.5	7,900	6,975	925	11.7
MANY (SABINE)	10,275	9,675	600	5.9	10,175	9,575	600	5.8
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,575	2,350	225	8.3	2,525	2,325	200	7.8
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,650	8,975	675	7.0	9,650	8,975	675	7.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,700	28,100	2,600	8.5	30,450	27,800	2,650	8.7
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,250	22,625	1,625	6.7	24,150	22,500	1,650	6.8
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,000	33,800	3,200	8.6	36,625	33,675	2,950	8.1
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,325	2,125	200	8.3	2,275	2,075	200	8.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,225	7,525	700	8.5	8,275	7,575	700	8.4
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,125	16,800	1,325	7.4	18,175	16,725	1,450	8.0
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,650	17,450	1,200	6.4	18,700	17,500	1,200	6.4
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,200	15,675	1,525	8.9	17,475	15,925	1,550	8.8
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,550	16,925	1,625	8.8	18,425	16,900	1,525	8.3
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,750	3,725	1,025	21.7	4,725	3,650	1,075	22.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,050	3,825	225	5.4	4,050	3,775	275	6.6
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,050	5,600	450	7.5	6,025	5,600	425	7.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.8	46.5	45.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
GOODS PRODUCING	6.8	6.6	6.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.4	3.3	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.3	3.2	3.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.9	1.8	2.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.0	39.9	39.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.3	10.3	10.3	0	0
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.4	8.4	8.5	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.3	12.3	12.1	0	+ 0.2
Health Services	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	13.1	13.0	12.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.8	0	0
State and Local	10.3	10.2	9.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
Local	5.7	5.6	5.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 46,800 for the current month. This estimate was 300 more than last month, and 900 more than April, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,800 for April. This estimate was 200 more than last month, as a result of increases in the construction industry and durable goods manufacturing. Compared to April of last year, this figure increased by 400, with the largest increase centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,000. This estimate was 100 more than March, as a result of an increase in local govermnment. Compared to April of last year, service producing employment increased by 500, with the largest increase centered in state and local government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Net Change From Mar. 1991	Net Change From Apr. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	239.9	239.8	235.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.5
GOODS PRODUCING	51.4	51.3	49.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.8
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.8	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	27.3	27.1	26.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	23.2	23.3	22.3	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Durable Goods	5.4	5.6	5.3	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	17.8	17.7	17.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.4	12.3	11.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	188.5	188.5	185.8	0	+ 2.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.3	11.5	11.1	- 0.2	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.2	54.1	52.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.4	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.7	41.6	40.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
General Merchandise	6.6	6.6	6.6	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	13.0	0	0
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
SERVICES	54.7	54.8	53.2	- 0.1	+ 1.5
GOVERNMENT	55.3	55.1	56.0	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.8	0	- 0.4
State and Local	52.9	52.7	53.2	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State	30.2	30.2	30.2	0	0
Local	22.7	22.5	23.0	+ 0.2	- 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA edged up 100, to a level of 239,900 for April. Employment was up 4,500 over the year-ago level, with the largest gains in the trade and services divisions.

Goods producing employment continued to increase in April to a level of 51,400. Construction, the only segment reporting an increase, was up 200, due to more business in general nonresidential and heavy construction. A workforce reduction in primary metals and less business in fabricated metals caused manufacturing to decrease to 23,200 in April.

The service producing sector remained at 188,500 in April. This figure was 2,700 above the year-ago level. Transportation, communications, and public utilities declined to 11,300, triggered by losses in water and motor freight transportation. Services employment was lower due to less activity in business services. Employment gains in eating and drinking places was responsible for the increase in trade employment. Total government employment, responding to seasonal increases in local government, moved upward to 55,300.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 15,300 production workers in all manufacturing was $613.78 for April, a decrease of $2.55 from the March average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $30.77. Average weekly hours at 44.9 increased by 0.4 hours. Average hourly earnings at $13.67 decreased by $0.18 per hour. Less overtime worked contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA moved upward to 276,700 for April. Employment rose to 261,300, while unemployment climbed to 15,400. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 5.6 percent in April.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,123 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,161 referrals to current openings resulted in 140 placements during the month of April.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Net Change From Mar. 1991	Net Change From Apr. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.3	58.8	57.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.0
GOODS PRODUCING	13.6	13.5	12.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
MINING	5.7	5.7	5.5	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.2	1.8	0	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	5.7	5.6	5.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	3.7	0	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.7	45.3	44.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.7	6.6	6.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	14.6	14.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	11.8	11.7	11.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.0	10.6	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	11.1	11.0	11.1	+ 0.1	0
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.7	10.6	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.2	3.1	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	7.5	7.5	7.5	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA moved up to 59,300, a level 500 above March. The gain was mostly in service producing employment. Total nonagricultural employment reached a level 2,000 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment increased to 13,600, up 100 from March, and 900 above the April, 1990 figure. In manufacturing, the nondurable goods segment increased due to seasonal factors. Mining and construction held steady.

Service producing employment showed an overall gain of 400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities benefited from better weather conditions. Wholesale trade added workers in the durable goods segment. Retail trade was boosted by a seasonal gain in employment by eating and drinking places. State government reflected a seasonal increase in employment by state educational services.

Estimated unemployment was 4,000 in April. Unemployment presently comprises 5.7 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 933.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Net Change From	
				Mar. 1991	Apr. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	100.5	99.6	95.4	+ 0.9	+ 5.1
GOODS PRODUCING	26.8	26.7	24.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
MINING	12.7	12.8	12.2	- 0.1	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	4.7	4.6	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	9.4	9.3	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	2.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.5	6.2	0	+ 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	73.7	72.9	70.6	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.2	7.2	6.8	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.9	25.7	24.9	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	6.3	6.2	6.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	19.6	19.5	18.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.3	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	23.2	22.6	22.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
GOVERNMENT	14.0	14.1	13.5	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Federal	0.9	1.0	1.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
State and Local	13.1	13.1	12.4	0	+ 0.7
State	5.3	5.3	4.8	0	+ 0.5
Local	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 100,500, an increase of 900 from the March, 1991 revised estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,800, a gain of 100 from the prior month. Employment gains of 100 each was noted for the construction and manufacturing industries for the month. The mining industry declined by 100 employees in April.

Service producing employment was estimated at 73,700, a gain of 800 from the March revised estimate of 72,900. Trade was up by 200 with the gain centered in the wholesale-durable goods sector and the eating and drinking places sector of retail trade. Finance, insurance, and real estate employment increased by 100 due to more business activity in the real estate sector. Services employment rose by 600 due to expansions in business, health, and amusement and recreation services. In the service producing sector, government was the only industry to show a decline for the month.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	69.2	68.3	67.3	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
GOODS PRODUCING	20.5	19.8	19.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
MINING	1.3	1.4	1.3	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	8.0	7.1	6.1	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
MANUFACTURING	11.2	11.3	12.0	- 0.1	- 0.8
Durable Goods	2.4	2.6	3.2	- 0.2	- 0.8
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.7	8.8	+ 0.1	0
Chemical & Petro Products	8.0	7.9	8.0	+ 0.1	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	48.7	48.5	47.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.5	15.4	15.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.4	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	12.0	12.0	12.4	0	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	14.9	14.9	14.2	0	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	11.3	11.2	10.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.7	10.6	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
State	3.4	3.3	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	7.3	7.3	7.0	0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 69,200, an increase of 900 from the March, 1991 revised estimate of 68,300.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 20,500, a gain of 700 from last month's estimate. Construction, for the second month, was the only industry within the goods producing sector to show a gain in employment and it was up by 900. The increase in employment in the construction industry was centered in the general building contractors and the heavy construction segments. Mining had a minimal loss of 100 in April. Manufacturing declined overall by 100 due to layoffs at one of the major employers in the durable goods sector of the economy.

Service producing employment was estimated at 48,700, a gain of 200 from the March estimate. Trade rose by 100 due to a seasonal employment upturn in the wholesale trade sector. Government was up by 100 due to additional employment in state government.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Net Change From Mar. 1991	Apr. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.4	58.5	59.3	- 0.1	- 0.9
GOODS PRODUCING	10.7	10.9	10.7	- 0.2	0
MINING	0.3	0.4	0.4	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.7	2.6	- 0.1	0
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.7	47.6	48.6	+ 0.1	- 0.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.7	14.6	15.0	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.1	11.0	11.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.4	4.4	4.2	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.5	13.5	13.3	0	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.1	12.1	12.8	0	- 0.7
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.4	11.4	12.0	0	- 0.6
State	5.2	5.3	5.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Local	6.2	6.1	6.9	+ 0.1	- 0.7

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 58,400 during April, was 100 below the March estimate and 900 below the April, 1990 estimate.

Goods producing employment was down by 200, as mining and construction experienced losses of 100 employees each. Manufacturing was unchanged.

Service producing employment rose 100 to an estimated 47,700 over the month. Trade was up by 100 in retail trade. All other segments were unchanged over the month. Over-the-year employment losses were primarily in government, trade, and transportation, communications, and public utilities. Over-the-year employment gains were in finance, insurance, and real estate, and services.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Net Change From Mar. 1991	Net Change From Apr. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	542.8	543.2	530.5	- 0.4	+12.3
GOODS PRODUCING	83.4	83.6	80.9	- 0.2	+ 2.5
MINING	14.3	14.3	13.7	0	+ 0.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.0	14.0	13.3	0	+ 0.7
CONSTRUCTION	24.0	24.0	23.3	0	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	45.1	45.3	43.9	- 0.2	+ 1.2
Durable Goods	24.0	24.1	23.4	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	14.8	14.8	13.8	0	+ 1.0
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.3	11.3	10.2	0	+ 1.1
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	21.1	21.2	20.5	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	5.4	5.5	5.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.1	2.1	1.9	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.6	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.7	3.7	3.5	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	459.4	459.6	449.6	- 0.2	+ 9.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.2	44.2	44.0	0	+ 0.2
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.3	8.2	8.3	+ 0.1	0
Water Transportation	13.4	13.5	13.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Comm. & Public Util.	13.3	13.3	13.2	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	131.8	132.3	131.3	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	30.6	30.6	30.7	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.4	17.5	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.2	13.2	0	0
Retail Trade	101.2	101.7	100.6	- 0.5	+ 0.6
General Merchandise	12.4	12.3	12.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food Stores	19.9	20.0	20.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	36.0	36.3	35.4	- 0.3	+ 0.6
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.5	31.5	31.8	0	- 0.3
Banking	10.2	10.3	10.3	- 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICES	160.8	160.8	153.3	0	+ 7.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.5	14.7	14.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Health Services	41.7	41.8	40.1	- 0.1	+ 1.6
Educational Services	19.6	19.5	18.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
GOVERNMENT	91.1	90.8	89.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Federal	16.1	16.0	16.1	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	75.0	74.8	73.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
State	20.4	20.3	19.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Local	54.6	54.5	53.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the New Orleans MSA for April was estimated at 542,800, down 400 from the previous month. Nonagricultural employment experienced a gain of 12,300 from April, 1990, with increases in most industry divisions.

Goods producing employment decreased to 83,400, down 200 from March, but 2,500 above the April, 1990 figure. In manufacturing, other durable goods and food and kindred products experienced employment losses due to less business. Mining and construction remained steady during the month.

The service producing sector made a small downward adjustment of 200 employees over the month. Trade employment decreased due to less business in the retail trade segment. Government employment showed nominal gains throughout the industry. Employment activity in all other industry segments remained stable for April.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $459.61 per week, up $0.92 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.0, up 0.3 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.21, down six cents from March and down three cents from April of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 31,600 for April. The unemployment rate registered 5.4 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 7,119.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Apr. 1991*	Mar. 1991**	Apr. 1990**	Net Change From Mar. 1991	Net Change From Apr. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.3	131.4	132.1	+ 1.9	+ 1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	26.5	24.8	26.2	+ 1.7	+ 0.3
MINING	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.0	6.1	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	17.4	15.5	17.4	+ 1.9	0
Durable Goods	12.0	10.0	12.0	+ 2.0	0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.1	5.0	5.1	+ 0.1	0
Other Durable Goods	4.6	2.6	4.6	+ 2.0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.5	5.4	- 0.1	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.9	1.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	106.8	106.6	105.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.1	8.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.2	32.1	31.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.8	7.8	0	0
Retail Trade	24.4	24.3	24.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.5	6.4	6.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICES	33.1	33.1	32.7	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	26.8	26.9	26.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Federal	4.9	4.9	5.1	0	- 0.2
State and Local	21.9	22.0	21.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	6.7	6.8	6.7	- 0.1	0
Local	15.2	15.2	15.1	0	+ 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA increased to 133,300 in April, up from the March revised estimate of 131,400, and showed an increase of 1,200 from the year-ago estimate of 132,100.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 26,500, showed an over-the-month gain of 1,700 as workers returned from a temporary plant closing. Job losses in mining and construction were minimal for April. There was an increase of 300 in goods producing employment from one year ago.

Service producing employment rose slightly to 106,800 in April. Several sectors showed an over-the-month increase of 100 each. Government employment was lower due to losses in state government. The year-ago increase for service producing employment was centered in the trade and services sectors. Trade increased from 31,800 to 32,200, while services employment rose from 32,700 to 33,100.

An estimated 12,900 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $517.69 in April, up from $447.93 in March. The average weekly hours of 39.7 were up from 39.5, while the average hourly earnings rose to $13.04, up from $11.34 in March.

The civilian labor force in the Shreveport MSA was estimated at 155,400 in April, including 145,300 employed and 10,100 unemployed. This gave an unemployment rate of 6.5 percent. The unemployment rate for this area averaged 7.1 percent for the last three months (February, March, April), compared to 6.5 percent for the same period last year.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1990

Total Dollars Paid in Population	$112,419,464
Sample Size	640

	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (±/-)
Proper Payments	84.9%	3.1%
Overpayments	15.1%	3.1%
	100.0%	
Underpayments	1.8%	0.7%

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during May was estimated at 1,622,600, an increase of 2,500 employees from the April revised level and 21,800 above the May, 1990 figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 336,100, was 100 above the April figure. Mining employment was lower due to a drop in the exploration for oil and gas. Construction employment was higher in each segment of the industry. Less business in the transportation equipment segment was mainly responsible for the drop in manufacturing employment.

Employment in the service producing sector was estimated at 1,286,500 for May, an increase of 2,400 from the April estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities experienced a decrease in employment as a result of less activity at the state's ports. Trade employment rose due to increases in both the wholesale and retail segments. Increases in real estate was responsible for the gain in finance, insurance, and real estate employment. Among the segments most instrumental in the higher payroll level exhibited for services in May were hotels and other lodging places, amusement and recreation, health, and social services. Seasonal reductions at state colleges and universities resulted in lower employment in government.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 133,700 production workers in manufacturing increased from $492.40 in April to $505.13 in May, an increase of $12.73, and an increase of $5.90 from April of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.36 higher in May than April, and $0.19 higher than May a year ago. Average weekly hours for May were 42.2, an increase of 0.4 hours from the April revised level of 41.8 hours.

The May preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.1 percent, an increase from the April revised rate of 6.4 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (March, April, May) was 6.6 percent compared to 6.0 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for May was 6.6 percent. The national rate for April was 6.5 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 135,300. It is not unusual for unemployment to increase at this time of the year.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,897,700 with a decrease in total employment to 1,762,400.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Net Change From Apr. 1991	Net Change From May 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1622.6	1620.1	1600.8	+ 2.5	+21.8
GOODS PRODUCING	336.1	336.0	329.9	+ 0.1	+ 6.2
MINING	55.8	56.0	55.1	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.0	54.2	53.3	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	96.6	95.7	92.4	+ 0.9	+ 4.2
General Contractors	20.1	19.8	18.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	38.8	38.6	37.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.2
Special Trade Contractors	37.7	37.3	36.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	183.7	184.3	182.4	- 0.6	+ 1.3
Durable Goods	81.7	82.3	81.0	- 0.6	+ 0.7
Lumber and Wood Products	12.4	12.5	12.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.1	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	2.9	3.0	3.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	14.3	14.3	13.8	0	+ 0.5
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.1	11.9	11.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 0.1
Transportation Equipment	24.5	25.1	24.5	- 0.6	0
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.6	3.7	3.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	102.0	102.0	101.4	0	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	21.0	20.7	20.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.3	10.5	11.3	- 0.2	- 1.0
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.2	12.3	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	10.1	10.0	10.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	29.9	30.2	29.2	- 0.3	+ 0.7
Inorganic Chemicals	6.0	6.1	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Organic Chemicals	11.0	11.1	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Petroleum and Coal Products	11.8	11.8	11.3	0	+ 0.5
Petroleum Refining	10.9	10.9	10.4	0	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.6	6.6	6.9	0	- 0.3
SERVICE PRODUCING	1286.5	1284.1	1270.9	+ 2.4	+15.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	111.1	110.5	110.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	67.0	66.6	65.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.1
Water Transportation	27.4	26.8	26.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Communications & Public Utilities	39.3	39.1	39.7	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.8	16.7	17.3	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.5	22.4	22.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Apr. 1991	May 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	376.0	375.0	369.7	+ 1.0	+ 6.3
Wholesale Trade	87.0	86.4	85.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.5	47.4	47.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.5	39.0	38.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
Retail Trade	289.0	288.6	284.0	+ 0.4	+ 5.0
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.0	10.0	10.0	0	0
General Merchandise	41.1	40.4	39.9	+ 0.7	+ 1.2
Food Stores	56.6	57.1	56.4	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.4	30.3	30.7	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Apparel and Accessory	16.0	16.1	16.0	- 0.1	0
Furniture and Equipment	9.6	9.5	9.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	93.5	93.5	91.4	0	+ 2.1
Other Retail Trade	31.8	31.7	30.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.3	79.1	78.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Banking	29.4	29.4	29.6	0	- 0.2
Insurance	27.0	27.0	26.2	0	+ 0.8
SERVICES	382.5	381.3	375.2	+ 1.2	+ 7.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.3	21.9	22.6	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Personal Services	14.1	14.2	13.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Business Services	63.0	63.8	63.0	- 0.8	0
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.5	11.5	11.3	0	+ 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	12.7	11.7	13.0	+ 1.0	- 0.3
Health Services	120.1	119.5	115.9	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Hospitals	53.4	53.0	51.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Legal Services	16.2	16.0	16.2	+ 0.2	0
Educational Services	26.4	26.7	25.5	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Social Services	22.7	22.4	21.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Membership Organizations	27.3	27.2	26.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	28.7	28.9	29.0	- 0.2	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Services	5.2	5.2	4.7	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	337.6	338.2	337.1	- 0.6	+ 0.5
Federal	38.5	38.3	44.1	+ 0.2	- 5.6
State and Local	299.1	299.9	293.0	- 0.8	+ 6.1
State	106.2	107.1	103.0	- 0.9	+ 3.2
Local	192.9	192.8	190.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.9

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May '91*	Apr. '91**	May '90**	May '91*	Apr. '91**	May '90**	May '91*	Apr. '91**	May '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	505.13	492.40	499.23	42.2	41.8	43.0	11.97	11.78	11.61
Durable Goods	437.40	434.77	449.44	40.5	40.9	42.4	10.80	10.63	10.60
Lumber & Wood Products	362.18	389.66	391.17	39.8	42.4	44.3	9.10	9.19	8.83
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	401.81	397.88	421.89	37.8	37.5	41.0	10.63	10.61	10.29
Fabricated Metal Products	436.72	420.58	417.22	42.4	41.6	42.4	10.30	10.11	9.84
Machinery, ex. Electrical	443.55	432.72	426.61	43.4	43.1	44.3	10.22	10.04	9.63
Electric & Electronic Equip.	595.21	552.52	667.49	38.7	38.0	43.4	15.38	14.54	15.38
Transportation Equipment	452.34	461.28	468.22	39.3	39.8	41.0	11.51	11.59	11.42
Nondurable Goods	565.92	544.43	542.45	43.7	42.6	43.5	12.95	12.78	12.47
Food & Kindred Products	334.94	333.30	323.59	40.5	40.4	41.7	8.27	8.25	7.76
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	229.01	210.60	211.84	36.7	34.3	37.1	6.24	6.14	5.71
Paper & Allied Products	644.36	628.70	634.74	44.5	44.4	44.7	14.48	14.16	14.20
Printing & Publishing	417.85	421.86	407.86	38.3	39.5	37.8	10.91	10.68	10.79
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	782.57	751.18	771.74	47.4	46.0	47.0	16.51	16.33	16.42
Petroleum & Coal Products	927.50	865.66	862.48	51.3	47.8	48.7	18.08	18.11	17.71
Petroleum Refining	952.75	884.71	881.82	51.5	47.9	48.8	18.50	18.47	18.07
MINING	590.46	606.94	573.21	44.8	45.6	47.1	13.18	13.31	12.17
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	539.92	534.23	527.10	41.5	41.9	41.9	13.01	12.75	12.58
BANKING	286.08	281.09	296.94	38.4	36.6	40.4	7.45	7.68	7.35

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 133,700 full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and 93,600 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May '91*	Apr. '91**	May '90**	May '91*	Apr. '91**	May '90**	May '91*	Apr. '91**	May '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	603.42	609.24	586.28	44.5	44.6	43.3	13.56	13.66	13.54
Chemicals and Petro. Products	797.07	789.68	790.28	48.9	47.4	46.0	16.30	16.66	17.18

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 15,000 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	475.78	459.61	470.68	41.3	41.0	42.1	11.52	11.21	11.18
Durable Goods	394.35	394.42	411.45	39.2	39.8	40.9	10.06	9.91	10.06
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	338.40	355.12	426.61	36.0	37.9	44.3	9.40	9.37	9.63
Fabricated Metal Products	411.45	423.12	370.93	40.9	41.2	40.1	10.06	10.27	9.25
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	346.51	357.55	389.30	37.1	38.2	40.3	9.34	9.36	9.66
Nondurable Goods	565.92	531.70	535.56	43.7	42.4	43.4	12.95	12.54	12.34
Food & Kindred Products	361.50	359.63	346.28	41.6	41.1	40.5	8.69	8.75	8.55
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	134.44	131.67	220.63	24.4	23.1	35.7	5.51	5.70	6.18
Printing & Publishing	395.85	409.17	394.13	40.6	42.8	39.1	9.75	9.56	10.08
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	851.70	773.50	795.70	50.1	47.6	49.3	17.00	16.25	16.14

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 31,800 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	533.45	520.58	460.32	40.2	39.8	41.1	13.27	13.08	11.20
Lumber and Wood Products	289.18	280.86	358.90	38.0	36.1	44.2	7.61	7.78	8.12
Food and Kindred Products	343.88	305.14	241.82	44.2	41.8	32.9	7.78	7.30	7.35
Printing and Publishing	348.50	382.80	372.78	34.1	40.0	36.8	10.22	9.57	10.13
Chemicals & Allied Products	642.17	606.84	632.35	46.5	42.2	45.2	13.81	14.38	13.99

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,800 production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY MAY, 1991				REVISED APRIL, 1991				REVISED MAY, 1990			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	1897.7	1762.4	135.3	7.1	1915.5	1793.6	121.9	6.4	1888.5	1774.7	113.8	6.0
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	57.9	53.8	4.1	7.0	58.5	54.8	3.7	6.3	57.5	54.0	3.5	6.1
Baton Rouge 2/	272.4	254.4	18.0	6.6	275.5	260.0	15.5	5.6	271.2	257.1	14.1	5.2
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	71.4	66.8	4.6	6.4	71.3	67.3	4.0	5.6	69.6	65.9	3.7	5.2
Lafayette 4/	107.0	101.3	5.7	5.4	108.2	103.2	5.0	4.7	104.4	99.7	4.7	4.5
Lake Charles 5/	79.9	73.8	6.1	7.6	81.1	75.7	5.4	6.6	79.3	74.5	4.8	6.0
Monroe 6/	67.9	63.5	4.4	6.5	68.9	64.8	4.1	6.0	69.3	65.7	3.6	5.3
New Orleans 7/	580.9	545.8	35.1	6.0	586.9	555.0	31.9	5.4	579.1	545.8	33.3	5.7
Shreveport 8/	153.1	142.7	10.4	6.8	155.2	145.1	10.1	6.5	154.7	144.6	10.1	6.5

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
May 1990	129.2		
May 1991	135.6	+ 0.3	+ 5.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY MAY 91				REVISED APRIL 91			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	21,575	19,900	1,675	7.8	21,625	20,075	1,550	7.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,850	8,900	950	9.7	9,975	9,000	975	9.9
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,425	5,750	675	10.6	6,475	5,850	625	9.7
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,325	14,225	2,100	12.9	16,475	14,550	1,925	11.7
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,350	12,450	900	6.7	13,700	12,800	900	6.5
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,850	6,225	625	9.1	7,000	6,375	625	8.8
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,350	3,775	575	13.3	4,225	3,750	475	11.2
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,550	4,375	175	4.1	4,625	4,425	200	4.4
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,650	3,125	525	14.1	3,525	3,075	450	12.6
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,325	6,775	550	7.5	7,375	6,900	475	6.4
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,500	8,100	1,400	14.6	9,400	8,175	1,225	13.0
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,175	9,975	1,200	10.7	11,325	10,300	1,025	9.0
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,525	2,900	625	17.7	3,475	2,875	600	17.0
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,100	6,575	525	7.5	6,975	6,550	425	6.2
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	13,800	12,650	1,150	8.4	13,900	12,900	1,000	7.3
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,975	7,900	1,075	12.0	8,975	8,025	950	10.6
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,150	6,450	700	9.8	7,475	6,850	625	8.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	26,750	24,875	1,875	7.0	26,900	25,300	1,600	5.9
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,425	10,150	1,275	11.2	11,600	10,400	1,200	10.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,200	5,775	425	7.0	6,175	5,800	375	6.0
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,025	10,075	950	8.7	11,100	10,225	875	8.0
JENA (LASALLE)	5,950	5,325	625	10.5	5,975	5,475	500	8.4
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	18,150	17,300	850	4.7	18,300	17,650	650	3.5
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,400	4,700	700	13.0	5,525	4,875	650	11.6
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,825	11,575	1,250	9.8	12,950	11,675	1,275	9.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,425	14,100	1,325	8.6	15,275	14,100	1,175	7.7
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,350	7,800	550	6.5	8,375	7,825	550	6.6
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	6,925	5,950	975	14.2	6,800	6,025	775	11.4
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,100	3,475	625	15.3	4,050	3,725	325	7.7
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,125	7,150	975	12.1	7,950	7,025	925	11.6
MANY (SABINE)	10,150	9,425	725	7.3	10,275	9,650	625	6.0
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,800	2,500	300	11.1	2,550	2,350	200	8.3
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,525	8,650	875	9.1	9,650	8,975	675	7.1
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,325	27,275	3,050	10.1	30,775	28,150	2,625	8.5
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,975	22,175	1,800	7.5	24,200	22,600	1,600	6.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	37,400	33,775	3,625	9.7	37,025	33,825	3,200	8.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,350	2,150	200	8.8	2,325	2,125	200	8.2
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,250	7,500	750	9.0	8,250	7,550	700	8.6
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,000	16,625	1,375	7.6	18,200	16,850	1,350	7.4
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,125	16,800	1,325	7.3	18,600	17,400	1,200	6.4
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	16,800	15,200	1,600	9.6	17,150	15,625	1,525	8.9
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	18,575	16,900	1,675	9.0	18,525	16,875	1,650	8.8
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,750	3,700	1,050	22.2	4,775	3,725	1,050	22.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,050	3,775	275	6.7	4,050	3,825	225	5.6
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,000	5,550	450	7.7	6,050	5,600	450	7.6

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Apr. 1991	May 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.9	46.9	46.5	0	+ 0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	6.7	6.8	6.5	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.4	3.4	3.0	0	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.3	3.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.9	2.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.2	40.1	40.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.4	10.3	10.5	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.5	8.4	8.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	12.3	12.3	12.2	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.3	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	13.2	13.2	12.8	0	+ 0.4
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
State and Local	10.3	10.3	9.9	0	+ 0.4
State	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
Local	5.7	5.7	5.5	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 46,900 for the current month. This estimate was unchanged from last month, and 400 more than May, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,700 for May. This estimate was 100 less than last month, as a result of a decrease in durable goods manufacturing. Compared to May of last year, this figure increased by 200, with the largest increase centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,200. This estimate was 100 more than April, as a result of an increase in retail trade. Compared to May of last year, service producing employment increased by 200, with the largest increase centered in state and local government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Net Change From Apr. 1991	Net Change From May 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	238.7	239.6	238.1	- 0.9	+ 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	51.4	51.2	51.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	27.3	27.1	27.7	+ 0.2	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	23.2	23.2	22.5	0	+ 0.7
Durable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	17.8	17.8	17.2	0	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.4	12.4	11.8	0	+ 0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	187.3	188.4	187.0	- 1.1	+ 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.3	11.3	11.1	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.1	54.1	53.1	0	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.4	0	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	41.6	41.6	40.7	0	+ 0.9
General Merchandise	6.6	6.6	6.7	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	13.0	0	0
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
SERVICES	54.6	54.7	53.7	- 0.1	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	54.3	55.3	56.1	- 1.0	- 1.8
Federal	2.4	2.4	3.2	0	- 0.8
State and Local	51.9	52.9	52.9	- 1.0	- 1.0
State	29.2	30.2	29.9	- 1.0	- 0.7
Local	22.7	22.7	23.0	0	- 0.3

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the Baton Rouge MSA, at 238,700, was down 900 in May, but was up 600 over the comparable period a year ago. Seasonal losses in the service producing sector was responsible for the current downturn in employment.

Employment in the goods producing sector climbed to 51,400 in May. Construction, solely responsible for the current gain, was up 200 due to more business in general nonresidential and heavy construction. Manufacturing employment remained unchanged at 23,200, but showed a significant gain of 700 from the year-ago level.

Employment in the service producing sector moved downward to 187,300, a loss of 1,100 in May. Services employment decreased 100, with the majority of the losses occurring in business services. Total government declined to 54,300, due to seasonal reductions at state colleges and universities. All other segments remained unchanged from the prior month's estimate.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 15,000 production workers in all manufacturing was $603.42 for May, a decrease of $5.82 from the April average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $17.14. Average weekly hours at 44.5 decreased by 0.1 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.56, decreased by $0.10 per hour. Less overtime worked contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 272,400 for the month of May. The unemployment rate for the MSA rose to 6.6 percent. Total employment decreased to 254,400, while unemployment climbed to 18,000.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,803 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,238 referrals to current openings resulted in 129 placements during the month of May.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Net Change From Apr. 1991	Net Change From May 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.6	58.9	57.9	+ 0.7	+ 1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	13.6	13.5	12.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
MINING	5.5	5.6	5.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	5.9	5.7	5.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	3.8	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.5	1.9	+ 0.2	- 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.0	45.4	45.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.8	6.6	6.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Water Transportation	4.2	4.1	4.2	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.9	14.7	14.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.0	2.9	3.0	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.9	11.8	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.0	11.0	10.6	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	11.2	11.0	11.2	+ 0.2	0
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.6	0	- 0.2
State and Local	10.8	10.6	10.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
State	3.3	3.2	3.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	7.5	7.4	7.5	+ 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA increased to 59,600, a level 700 above April. The gain was largely in service producing employment. Total nonagricultural employment stood at a level 1,700 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment increased to 13,600, up 100 from April, and 700 above the May, 1990 figure. In manufacturing, the nondurable goods segment increased due to seasonal factors. Mining tapered off slightly, while construction held steady.

Service producing employment displayed an overall increase of 600. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was boosted by small seasonal gains. Wholesale trade added workers mostly in the nondurable goods segment. Retail trade reflected a small increase spread through several industries. Government employment rose due to state educational services and summer workers being hired at the local government level.

Estimated unemployment was 4,600 in May. Unemployment presently comprises 6.4 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 683.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Net Change From Apr. 1991	Net Change From May 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	100.2	100.5	96.9	- 0.3	+ 3.3
GOODS PRODUCING	26.7	26.8	25.6	- 0.1	+ 1.1
MINING	12.7	12.7	12.4	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.7	4.2	- 0.1	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	9.4	9.4	9.0	0	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.5	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.5	6.5	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	73.5	73.7	71.3	- 0.2	+ 2.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.1	7.2	6.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	25.7	25.9	25.0	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	6.2	6.3	6.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	19.5	19.6	18.9	- 0.1	+ 0.6
General Merchandise	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	23.2	23.2	22.4	0	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	14.1	14.0	13.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Federal	1.0	0.9	1.3	+ 0.1	- 0.3
State and Local	13.1	13.1	12.5	0	+ 0.6
State	5.3	5.3	4.9	0	+ 0.4
Local	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 100,200, a decrease of 300 from the April revised estimate of 100,500.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,700 in May. This was 100 below last month's estimate, with construction causing the decline in the goods producing sector. The mining and manufacturing sectors were unchanged from last month, but compared to a year ago, these two sectors have shown an estimated total employment growth of 700 jobs.

Service producing employment was estimated at 73,500, a decrease of 200 from the April revised estimate of 73,700. Transportation, communications, and public utilities was down by 100, with the drop centered in the transportation industry. Trade dropped by 200 due to wholesale trade-durable goods and eating and drinking places. Government rose by 100, with federal government showing the increase.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Net Change From	
				Apr. 1991	May 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	69.0	69.2	68.2	- 0.2	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	19.7	20.5	20.1	- 0.8	- 0.4
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	7.6	8.0	7.0	- 0.4	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	10.8	11.2	11.8	- 0.4	- 1.0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.4	3.1	- 0.4	- 1.1
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.8	8.7	0	+ 0.1
Chemical & Petro Products	8.0	8.0	8.0	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.3	48.7	48.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.5	4.4	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.8	15.5	15.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	12.3	12.0	12.4	+ 0.3	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.6	2.7	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	15.0	14.9	14.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	11.3	11.3	11.1	0	+ 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.7	10.7	10.4	0	+ 0.3
State	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.3	7.3	7.1	0	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 69,000, a decrease of 200 from the April, 1991 revised estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,700, a drop of 800 from the prior month. Construction was off by 400 in May due primarily to poor weather conditions during the month. Manufacturing declined by 400 due mostly to a major employer shutting down operations in the MSA.

Service producing employment was estimated at 49,300, a gain of 600 from the April revised estimate. Trade was up by 300 with the increase in retail trade. Transportation, communications, and public utilities, services, and finance, insurance, and real estate all showed an increase of 100 each.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Apr. 1991	May 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.7	58.5	59.7	+ 0.2	- 1.0
GOODS PRODUCING	10.8	10.8	10.8	0	0
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.4	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.6	2.6	2.7	0	- 0.1
MANUFACTURING	7.9	7.9	7.7	0	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.9	47.7	48.9	+ 0.2	- 1.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.1	3.0	3.4	+ 0.1	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.7	14.7	15.0	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.1	11.1	11.2	0	- 0.1
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.3	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.4	4.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Banking	1.8	1.7	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	13.6	13.5	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	12.0	12.1	12.8	- 0.1	- 0.8
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.9	0	- 0.2
State and Local	11.3	11.4	11.9	- 0.1	- 0.6
State	5.0	5.2	5.0	- 0.2	0
Local	6.3	6.2	6.9	+ 0.1	- 0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA was estimated at 58,700 during May. This estimate was unchanged from April, 1991, and was 1,000 less than the May, 1990 estimate.

Goods producing employment for May was estimated at 10,800. This was the same as April, 1991 and May, 1990. Mining and construction decreased by 100 each as manufacturing increased by 200 for the same period one year ago.

Service producing employment was estimated at 47,900 during May. Gains of 100 each occurred in transportation, communications, and public utilities, finance, insurance, and real estate and services. The only monthly loss was in government. Trade was unchanged for the current month.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Net Change From Apr. 1991	Net Change From May 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	544.1	542.5	536.0	+ 1.6	+ 8.1
GOODS PRODUCING	83.6	83.6	80.9	0	+ 2.7
MINING	14.2	14.3	13.7	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.9	14.0	13.3	- 0.1	+ 0.6
CONSTRUCTION	23.8	24.3	23.2	- 0.5	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	45.6	45.0	44.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
Durable Goods	24.2	23.9	23.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 0.1	0
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.5	3.4	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	14.8	14.7	13.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.4	11.3	10.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.4	21.1	20.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.4	5.7	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.1	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.8	3.7	3.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	460.5	458.9	455.1	+ 1.6	+ 5.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.3	44.1	43.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.1	8.2	8.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
Water Transportation	13.6	13.3	13.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Comm. & Public Util.	13.4	13.4	13.1	0	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.6	132.0	132.6	+ 0.6	0
Wholesale Trade	30.8	30.6	31.0	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.4	17.6	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.4	13.2	13.4	+ 0.2	0
Retail Trade	101.8	101.4	101.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	12.5	12.4	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Food Stores	20.0	20.0	20.1	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	36.3	36.1	35.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.4	31.3	31.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Banking	10.1	10.2	10.3	- 0.1	- 0.2
SERVICES	161.0	160.4	155.3	+ 0.6	+ 5.7
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.6	14.4	14.6	+ 0.2	0
Health Services	42.2	42.0	40.3	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Educational Services	19.1	19.3	18.2	- 0.2	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	91.2	91.1	91.6	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Federal	16.1	16.1	17.9	0	- 1.8
State and Local	75.1	75.0	73.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.4
State	20.4	20.4	20.1	0	+ 0.3
Local	54.7	54.6	53.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.1

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA for May was estimated at 544,100, increasing 1,600 from the previous month. Most industry divisions showed an increase over the month.

Goods producing employment stood at 83,600, the same level as April, but was 2,700 over the May, 1990 figure. Manufacturing employment benefitted from more business in fabricated metal products, machinery, ship and boat building and repairing, apparel and other textile products, and petroleum and coal products. Food and kindred products increased due to seasonal factors. Mining employment dropped by 100 employees. Construction employment moved down as heavy rainfall and flooding hindered ongoing projects and the start of new ones.

The service producing segment added 1,600 workers over the month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities benefitted from an increase in water transportation. Trade showed moderate gains spread throughout the industry. Finance, insurance, and real estate edged up. Services moved up mostly in business services and the hotel and motel industry. Government employment showed a small increase in the local government segment.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $475.78 per week, up $16.17 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.3, up 0.3 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.52, up $0.31 from April and $0.34 over May of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 35,100 for May. The unemployment rate registered 6.0 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 6,950.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	May 1991*	Apr. 1991**	May 1990**	Apr. 1991	May 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	134.1	133.4	134.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	26.3	26.5	26.6	- 0.2	- 0.3
MINING	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.1	6.0	6.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	17.1	17.4	17.6	- 0.3	- 0.5
Durable Goods	11.7	12.0	12.0	- 0.3	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.9	2.0	0	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.8	5.1	5.0	- 0.3	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.6	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.5	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	107.8	106.9	107.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.1	8.2	8.1	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.0	32.2	31.9	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.9	7.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.2	24.3	24.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.6	6.5	6.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	34.4	33.2	33.8	+ 1.2	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	26.7	26.8	27.2	- 0.1	- 0.5
Federal	4.9	4.9	5.3	0	- 0.4
State and Local	21.8	21.9	21.9	- 0.1	- 0.1
State	6.6	6.7	6.8	- 0.1	- 0.2
Local	15.2	15.2	15.1	0	+ 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA in May was estimated at 134,100, an increase from the April revised total of 133,400. Service producing jobs rose to 107,800 in May, showing an over-the-month gain of 900. Goods producing jobs dropped to 26,300, down 200 from the April revised figure.

The goods producing job loss was centered in durable goods manufacturing. Total manufacturing employment decreased to 17,100, down from 17,400 in April and 17,600 one year ago. Employment in construction increased to 6,100, up slightly from the revised estimate of 6,000 in April.

Service producing employment increased to 107,800, a gain of 900 jobs from April to May and 400 more jobs than in May, 1990. The amusement and recreation sector of services showed the most significant increase with the start of the 1991 racing season. Finance, insurance, and real estate rose to 6,600, up slightly from 6,500 in April. There were small over-the-month job losses in transportation, communications, and public utilities, trade, and government.

An estimated 12,800 production workers in manufacturing in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $533.45, up $12.87 from the previous month. The average weekly hours of 40.2 were up 0.4 hours from last month, while average hourly earnings rose to $13.27, slightly above the $13.08 average in April.

The Shreveport MSA had a civilian labor force estimated at 153,100 in May, with 142,700 employed and 10,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate for this area was 6.8 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (March, April, and May) was 7.1 percent, compared to 6.3 percent for the same period last year.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY 1991

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
INDUSTRY	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,555	1,285	270	26	25	1	23	18	5
Contract Construction (15-17)	8,622	5,856	2,766	291	216	75	1,846	1,319	527
Manufacturing (20-39)	5,165	2,351	2,814	79	54	25	239	131	108
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,648	946	702	38	25	13	210	91	119
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,105	712	393	53	27	26	148	86	62
Retail Trade (52-59)	4,085	2,232	1,853	124	80	44	432	203	229
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,082	788	294	36	33	3	147	105	42
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	6,714	3,674	3,040	202	122	80	753	410	343
Public Administration (91-97)	876	430	446	47	30	17	71	38	33
All Others	75	38	37	1	1	0	25	12	13
Totals	30,927	18,312	12,615	897	613	284	3,894	2,413	1,481
OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	3,509	2,737	772	98	81	17	489	374	115
Clerical and Sales	6,277	4,334	1,943	181	139	42	787	510	277
Services Occupations	2,981	907	2,074	98	36	62	243	67	176
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	464	165	299	23	19	4	11	4	7
Processing Occupations	747	301	446	6	5	1	35	20	15
Machine Trades	1,544	975	569	51	36	15	150	110	40
Benchwork Occupations	1,295	495	800	22	8	14	53	35	18
Structural Work Occupations	8,936	5,733	3,203	293	214	79	1,717	1,118	599
Miscellaneous Occupations	5,174	2,665	2,509	125	75	50	409	175	234
Totals	30,927	18,312	12,615	897	613	284	3,894	2,413	1,481

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY 1991

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
INDUSTRY	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	93	74	19	231	186	45	30	27	3
Contract Construction (15-17)	149	136	13	190	118	72	470	360	110
Manufacturing (20-39)	98	54	44	167	76	91	344	183	161
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	57	46	11	37	28	9	67	43	24
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	44	35	9	49	28	21	31	24	7
Retail Trade (52-59)	112	76	36	205	94	111	122	87	35
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	18	17	1	46	39	7	29	21	8
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	178	114	64	314	208	106	197	140	57
Public Administration (91-97)	17	10	7	28	17	11	21	15	6
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	766	562	204	1,267	794	473	1,311	900	411
OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	105	93	12	223	175	48	140	122	18
Clerical and Sales	141	111	30	300	227	73	261	198	63
Services Occupations	83	42	41	132	36	96	72	29	43
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	13	6	7	4	3	1	22	11	11
Processing Occupations	31	12	19	50	20	30	41	18	23
Machine Trades	35	32	3	46	34	12	129	77	52
Benchwork Occupations	13	12	1	57	24	33	34	23	11
Structural Work Occupations	195	162	33	226	138	88	474	339	135
Miscellaneous Occupations	150	92	58	229	137	92	138	83	55
Totals	766	562	204	1,267	794	473	1,311	900	411

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY 1991

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
INDUSTRY	**TOTAL**	**WHITE**	**NON-WHITE**	**TOTAL**	**WHITE**	**NON-WHITE**	**TOTAL**	**WHITE**	**NON-WHITE**
Mining (10-14)	25	25	0	107	74	33	135	102	33
Contract Construction (15-17)	232	195	37	1,570	953	617	298	177	121
Manufacturing (20-39)	118	65	53	949	388	561	417	187	230
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	27	22	5	670	343	327	96	53	43
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	8	5	3	363	230	133	119	77	42
Retail Trade (52-59)	169	99	70	1,405	741	664	376	191	185
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	38	30	8	543	366	177	89	71	18
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	341	190	151	2,251	1,215	1,036	563	282	281
Public Administration (91-97)	31	13	18	216	80	136	77	33	44
All Others	1	1	0	18	10	8	2	2	0
Totals	990	645	345	8,092	4,400	3,692	2,172	1,175	997
OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	132	108	24	1,407	1,045	362	249	207	42
Clerical and Sales	258	181	77	2,176	1,395	781	557	378	179
Services Occupations	137	45	92	1,025	285	740	306	65	241
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	4	3	1	51	19	32	30	6	24
Processing Occupations	18	14	4	102	38	64	18	3	15
Machine Trades	47	34	13	317	211	106	133	70	63
Benchwork Occupations	19	11	8	364	47	317	133	61	72
Structural Work Occupations	213	166	47	1,704	977	727	411	228	183
Miscellaneous Occupations	162	83	79	946	383	563	335	157	178
Totals	990	645	345	8,092	4,400	3,692	2,172	1,175	997

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,618,500 for June, a decrease of 2,200 from the May revised figure but 16,700 above the comparable period a year ago.

Estimated employment in the goods producing division increased to 337,000 during June, up 700 workers over the May level. Mining employment was up as a result of an increase in the exploration of oil and gas. The special trade contractors segment of construction exhibited the largest employment decline for the industry. Seasonal increases in the food and kindred products segment was mainly responsible for the higher level of manufacturing employment.

Service producing employment was estimated at 1,281,500 for June, a decrease of 2,900 from the May estimate. Higher employment in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry was due to more business in each segment. Trade employment was boosted mainly by growth in the retail area. Losses in insurance accounted for the drop in finance, insurance, and real estate employment. Services employment dropped due to seasonal losses in educational services. Government employment was also down as a result of seasonal decreases at the state's educational facilities.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 134,300 production workers in manufacturing decreased from $505.91 in May to $505.24 in June, a decrease of $0.67, but an increase of $5.71 from June of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 lower in June than May, but $0.27 higher than June a year ago. Average weekly hours for June were 42.6, an increase of 0.3 hours from the May revised level of 42.3 hours.

The June preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.4 percent, up from the May revised rate of 7.2 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (April, May, June) is 7.0 percent compared to 6.1 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for June was 6.9 percent. The national rate for May was 6.6 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 144,600. Claims for unemployment insurance increased slightly which is normal in June. The unemployment rate increases at this time of the year as more people enter the labor force for the summer months.

The state's civilian labor force increased to 1,962,500 with an increase in total employment to 1,817,900.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1618.5	1620.7	1601.8	- 2.2	+16.7
GOODS PRODUCING	337.0	336.3	332.6	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
MINING	56.2	55.9	55.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.4	54.1	54.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	96.4	96.8	91.1	- 0.4	+ 5.3
General Contractors	19.9	20.1	18.1	- 0.2	+ 1.8
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	39.0	38.8	36.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
Special Trade Contractors	37.5	37.9	36.8	- 0.4	+ 0.7
MANUFACTURING	184.4	183.6	185.6	+ 0.8	- 1.2
Durable Goods	81.3	81.5	82.9	- 0.2	- 1.6
Lumber and Wood Products	12.4	12.5	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.2	5.5	0	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	14.2	14.3	14.2	- 0.1	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.2	12.0	11.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.4	6.4	6.6	0	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	24.3	24.5	25.4	- 0.2	- 1.1
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.6	3.6	3.5	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	103.1	102.1	102.7	+ 1.0	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	21.6	21.2	21.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.2	10.3	11.3	- 0.1	- 1.1
Paper & Allied Products	12.5	12.3	12.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.8	9.8	10.1	0	- 0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.3	30.0	29.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.0
Inorganic Chemicals	6.1	6.0	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Organic Chemicals	11.2	11.1	10.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	11.9	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Petroleum Refining	11.1	11.0	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.7	6.6	7.1	+ 0.1	- 0.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	1,281.5	1,284.4	1,269.2	- 2.9	+12.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	111.3	110.6	111.7	+ 0.7	- 0.4
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.9	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	67.0	66.7	67.0	+ 0.3	0
Water Transportation	27.2	27.2	27.3	0	- 0.1
Communications & Public Utilities	39.5	39.1	39.8	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.7	16.6	17.3	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.8	22.5	22.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.3

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From	
				May 1991	Jun. 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	377.5	376.2	374.3	+ 1.3	+ 3.2
Wholesale Trade	87.1	87.0	86.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.8	47.5	47.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.3	39.5	39.0	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	290.4	289.2	287.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.1	10.1	10.1	0	0
General Merchandise	41.0	40.9	40.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Food Stores	56.9	56.7	57.0	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.7	30.4	31.0	+ 0.3	- 0.3
Apparel and Accessory	16.2	16.0	16.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Furniture and Equipment	9.8	9.6	9.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Eating and Drinking Places	94.0	93.7	93.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Other Retail Trade	31.7	31.8	30.5	- 0.1	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.3	79.4	79.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	29.5	29.4	29.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Insurance	26.8	27.0	26.4	- 0.2	+ 0.4
SERVICES	379.5	381.7	376.2	- 2.2	+ 3.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.1	22.2	22.4	- 0.1	- 0.3
Personal Services	13.9	14.1	13.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Business Services	63.5	63.5	64.0	0	- 0.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.5	11.6	11.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	8.1	7.9	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Amusement & Recreation Services	13.1	12.6	13.7	+ 0.5	- 0.6
Health Services	121.1	120.1	117.4	+ 1.0	+ 3.7
Hospitals	54.0	53.4	52.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Legal Services	16.4	16.2	16.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Educational Services	21.5	25.3	21.8	- 3.8	- 0.3
Social Services	22.3	22.6	21.3	- 0.3	+ 1.0
Membership Organizations	27.4	27.3	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.0	28.7	29.4	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Miscellaneous Services	5.1	5.2	4.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	333.9	336.5	327.8	- 2.6	+ 6.1
Federal	38.2	38.4	39.1	- 0.2	- 0.9
State and Local	295.7	298.1	288.7	- 2.4	+ 7.0
State	98.4	104.6	95.1	- 6.2	+ 3.3
Local	197.3	193.5	193.6	+ 3.8	+ 3.7

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$505.24	$505.91	$499.53	42.6	42.3	43.1	$11.86	$11.96	$11.59
Durable Goods	445.59	435.92	458.58	41.8	40.4	42.5	10.66	10.79	10.79
Lumber & Wood Products	391.68	360.12	392.81	42.9	39.4	43.5	9.13	9.14	9.03
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	402.11	403.18	401.98	39.5	38.0	39.8	10.18	10.61	10.10
Fabricated Metal Products	439.06	436.72	408.39	43.3	42.4	41.8	10.14	10.30	9.77
Machinery, ex. Electrical	447.48	442.53	458.37	44.0	43.3	46.3	10.17	10.22	9.90
Electric & Electronic Equip.	634.10	593.25	747.61	42.7	38.8	45.2	14.85	15.29	16.54
Transportation Equipment	445.35	450.41	466.62	39.1	39.2	40.4	11.39	11.49	11.55
Nondurable Goods	558.14	568.92	536.64	43.3	44.0	43.7	12.89	12.93	12.28
Food & Kindred Products	334.05	334.51	325.26	41.6	40.4	41.7	8.03	8.28	7.80
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	233.12	229.01	212.24	35.7	36.7	37.3	6.53	6.24	5.69
Paper & Allied Products	622.48	662.48	625.24	42.9	45.5	44.0	14.51	14.56	14.21
Printing & Publishing	416.25	417.02	421.07	37.5	38.4	39.5	11.10	10.86	10.66
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	814.58	795.40	744.74	48.2	48.5	46.0	16.90	16.40	16.19
Petroleum & Coal Products	801.99	898.20	884.26	46.6	49.9	51.5	17.21	18.00	17.17
Petroleum Refining	812.36	917.81	911.23	46.5	49.8	52.1	17.47	18.43	17.49
MINING	624.83	588.70	574.99	47.3	44.7	46.9	13.21	13.17	12.26
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	526.18	541.27	534.67	42.4	41.7	42.3	12.41	12.98	12.64
BANKING	284.87	286.08	295.66	36.9	38.4	38.8	7.72	7.45	7.62

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **134,300** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **94,500** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**	Jun. '91*	May '91**	Jun. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$602.97	$601.56	$601.56	43.1	44.2	44.2	$13.99	$13.61	$13.61
Chemicals and Petro. Products	783.86	792.79	813.73	46.3	48.4	47.2	16.93	16.38	17.24

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **15,000** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	461.04	476.74	468.00	40.8	41.6	42.2	11.30	11.46	11.09
Durable Goods	387.27	392.96	402.00	39.0	39.1	40.2	9.93	10.05	10.00
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	337.04	338.40	383.64	39.1	36.0	41.7	8.62	9.40	9.20
Fabricated Metal Products	402.78	411.45	371.30	41.1	40.9	39.5	9.80	10.06	9.40
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	341.64	345.21	371.13	36.5	37.0	38.7	9.36	9.33	9.59
Nondurable Goods	540.16	567.93	542.01	42.7	44.3	44.5	12.65	12.82	12.18
Food & Kindred Products	365.25	362.34	334.23	41.6	41.6	39.0	8.78	8.71	8.57
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	140.67	135.18	233.84	25.3	24.4	37.9	5.56	5.54	6.17
Printing & Publishing	405.03	397.14	416.93	39.4	40.9	42.5	10.28	9.71	9.81
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	857.74	862.58	766.84	51.3	52.5	47.6	16.72	16.43	16.11

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **31,800** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	538.46	537.03	498.04	42.1	40.5	42.1	12.79	13.26	11.83
Lumber and Wood Products	306.90	289.18	354.57	39.6	38.0	44.6	7.75	7.61	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	315.40	343.88	307.16	41.5	44.2	35.8	7.60	7.78	8.58
Printing and Publishing	352.26	348.50	381.00	34.4	34.1	37.5	10.24	10.22	10.16
Chemicals & Allied Products	661.98	642.17	637.17	47.9	46.5	48.9	13.82	13.81	13.03

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **12,600** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUNE, 1991				REVISED MAY, 1991				REVISED JUNE, 1990			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	1962.5	1817.9	144.6	7.4	1897.9	1761.9	136.0	7.2	1905.7	1777.2	128.5	6.7
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.3	56.0	4.3	7.1	57.8	53.7	4.1	7.0	58.7	54.6	4.1	7.0
Baton Rouge 2/	284.0	264.6	19.4	6.8	274.0	255.9	18.1	6.6	275.7	258.8	16.9	6.1
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	74.5	70.0	4.5	6.0	71.2	66.7	4.5	6.3	70.9	67.1	3.8	5.4
Lafayette 4/	109.6	103.7	5.9	5.4	107.2	101.4	5.8	5.4	106.1	100.8	5.3	5.0
Lake Charles 5/	83.5	76.6	6.9	8.3	79.9	73.7	6.2	7.7	81.7	76.2	5.5	6.7
Monroe 6/	70.1	65.4	4.7	6.8	67.7	63.3	4.4	6.6	68.9	64.6	4.3	6.2
New Orleans 7/	598.8	559.9	38.9	6.5	579.0	543.8	35.2	6.1	582.7	545.0	37.7	6.5
Shreveport 8/	159.4	148.7	10.7	6.7	154.4	143.9	10.5	6.8	156.0	145.6	10.4	6.7

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
Jun. 1990	129.9		
Jun. 1991	136.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.7

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY JUNE 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED MAY 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,475	20,600	1,875	8.3	21,525	19,850	1,675	7.8
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,200	9,150	1,050	10.4	9,825	8,875	950	9.8
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,700	5,975	725	10.8	6,400	5,725	675	10.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,850	14,725	2,125	12.6	16,400	14,275	2,125	12.9
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,550	12,550	1,000	7.4	13,325	12,425	900	6.7
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,925	6,350	575	8.1	6,825	6,200	625	9.2
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,450	3,900	550	12.4	4,375	3,775	600	13.6
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,775	4,525	250	5.0	4,575	4,400	175	4.0
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,725	3,250	475	12.9	3,650	3,125	525	14.2
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,475	6,925	550	7.5	7,275	6,725	550	7.5
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,900	8,375	1,525	15.4	9,450	8,075	1,375	14.6
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,450	10,250	1,200	10.5	11,125	9,925	1,200	10.8
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,600	3,025	575	16.1	3,500	2,875	625	17.8
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,300	6,750	550	7.6	7,125	6,575	550	7.6
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,100	12,950	1,150	8.2	13,750	12,600	1,150	8.4
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	9,300	8,150	1,150	12.4	8,975	7,875	1,100	12.4
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,300	6,650	650	9.0	7,150	6,450	700	9.8
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	27,600	25,650	1,950	7.1	26,650	24,775	1,875	7.0
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,800	10,400	1,400	11.7	11,450	10,150	1,300	11.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,350	5,950	400	6.1	6,225	5,800	425	6.9
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,600	10,500	1,100	9.6	11,025	10,050	975	8.9
JENA (LASALLE)	6,025	5,475	550	9.3	5,925	5,300	625	10.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,675	16,875	800	4.6	18,125	17,275	850	4.7
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,600	4,925	675	12.1	5,425	4,725	700	13.0
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,175	11,950	1,225	9.3	12,800	11,525	1,275	10.0
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,550	14,350	1,200	7.6	15,350	14,025	1,325	8.6
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,600	8,050	550	6.5	8,325	7,775	550	6.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,225	6,100	1,125	15.6	6,900	5,925	975	14.2
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,175	3,575	600	14.6	4,100	3,475	625	15.5
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,400	7,450	950	11.2	8,125	7,125	1,000	12.2
MANY (SABINE)	10,475	9,700	775	7.3	10,200	9,450	750	7.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,900	2,575	325	11.1	2,800	2,500	300	11.0
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,725	8,775	950	9.8	9,525	8,650	875	9.2
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	31,300	27,950	3,350	10.7	30,225	27,175	3,050	10.1
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,025	23,025	2,000	8.0	24,000	22,175	1,825	7.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,700	34,575	4,125	10.7	37,350	33,700	3,650	9.8
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,425	2,225	200	8.5	2,325	2,125	200	9.1
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,775	675	8.0	8,225	7,475	750	9.1
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,875	17,225	1,650	8.8	17,925	16,550	1,375	7.6
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,425	17,125	1,300	7.0	18,100	16,775	1,325	7.3
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,700	15,725	1,975	11.2	16,875	15,275	1,600	9.5
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,300	17,625	1,675	8.7	18,650	16,975	1,675	9.1
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,850	3,800	1,050	21.6	4,750	3,675	1,075	22.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,150	3,875	275	6.8	4,050	3,775	275	6.7
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,150	5,675	475	7.7	6,025	5,550	475	8.0

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	47.4	46.9	46.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	6.9	6.7	6.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.4	3.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.4	0	- 0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.5	40.2	40.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.3	2.3	2.4	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.6	10.4	10.8	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Retail Trade	8.7	8.5	8.9	+ 0.2	- 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.0	2.1	+ 0.1	0
SERVICES	12.5	12.3	12.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	13.0	13.2	12.6	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	10.1	10.3	9.8	- 0.2	+ 0.3
State	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
Local	5.5	5.7	5.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 47,400 for the current month. This estimate was 500 more than last month and 500 more than June, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,900 for June. This estimate was 200 more than last month's as a result of an increase in the construction industry. Compared to June of last year, this figure increased by 300, with the largest increase centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,500. This estimate was 300 more than May, as a result of an increase in trade and services. Compared to June of last year, service producing employment increased by 200, with the largest increase centered in state and local government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From	
				May 1991	Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	238.9	238.8	238.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
GOODS PRODUCING	51.7	51.7	50.5	0	+ 1.2
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	27.4	27.6	27.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	23.4	23.2	22.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Durable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.3	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	18.0	17.8	17.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.6	12.4	12.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	187.2	187.1	187.5	+ 0.1	- 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.4	11.3	11.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.4	54.1	53.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	41.9	41.6	41.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
General Merchandise	6.7	6.6	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12.9	13.0	13.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	55.1	54.6	54.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	53.4	54.1	55.1	- 0.7	- 1.7
Federal	2.4	2.4	3.0	0	- 0.6
State and Local	51.0	51.7	52.1	- 0.7	- 1.1
State	26.6	29.1	27.5	- 2.5	- 0.9
Local	24.4	22.6	24.6	+ 1.8	- 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 238,900 during June, up 100 from the May revised estimate and up 900 over the comparable period a year ago.

Goods producing employment remained at 51,700. This figure was 1,200 above the year-ago level. Less business activity in the heavy construction and special trade contractors segments caused construction employment to decrease to 27,400. Manufacturing employment expanded to 23,400, triggered by more business in chemical and petroleum products.

Service producing employment rose 100 to a level of 187,200 for the month of June. An increase in motor freight transportation was responsible for the growth in transportation, communications, and public utilities. Retail department, food, and apparel and accessory stores each gained 100 workers in June, causing trade to increase to 54,400. The finance, insurance, and real estate sector reported employment losses in insurance carriers. Seasonal increases in membership organizations, amusement and recreation, legal, and social services boosted services employment to 55,100. Total government declined to 53,400 for June. State government decreased 2,500 due to seasonal losses at colleges and universities. Local government increased 1,800 due to temporary summer and seasonal hiring. The federal workforce remained at 2,400 for June.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 15,000 production workers in all manufacturing was $602.97 for June, an increase of $1.41 from the May average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $1.41. Average weekly hours at 43.1 decreased by 1.1 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.99, increased by $0.38 per hour. A shorter workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA was 284,000, comprised of 264,600 employed and 19,400 unemployed. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 6.8 percent in June.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 2,159 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 1,878 referrals to current openings resulted in 177 placements during the month of June.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	60.5	59.7	58.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	14.2	13.6	13.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
MINING	5.7	5.5	5.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.2	2.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	6.2	5.9	5.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	4.4	4.2	3.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.7	1.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.3	46.1	45.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.6	6.8	6.7	- 0.2	- 0.1
Water Transportation	4.0	4.2	4.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.8	15.0	14.6	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.9	3.1	3.1	- 0.2	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.9	11.9	11.5	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.3	11.0	10.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	11.5	11.2	11.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.1	10.8	10.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
State	3.4	3.3	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Local	7.7	7.5	7.7	+ 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA rose to 60,500, a level 800 above May. The gain was mostly in goods producing employment and largely seasonal in nature. Total nonagricultural employment stood at a level 1,700 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment stood at 14,200, up 600 over May, and 1,100 over the June, 1990 figure. Mining pushed up in the best part of the year for outside work. Construction showed a small seasonal upturn. The durable goods segment of manufacturing increased because of additional orders. The nondurable goods segment rose as seafood processors geared up for the beginning of the shrimp harvest.

Service producing employment showed an overall gain of 200. Water transportation fluctuated downward in the transportation, communications, and public utilities segment. Trade exhibited a seasonal downturn. More favorably, services displayed an increase spread through several segments of the industry. Government was boosted by hires of temporary summer workers at the state and local government levels.

Estimated unemployment was 4,500 in June. Unemployment presently comprises 6.0 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 738.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	May 1991	Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	99.6	100.6	97.2	- 1.0	+ 2.4
GOODS PRODUCING	26.7	26.7	26.0	0	+ 0.7
MINING	12.6	12.7	12.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.6	4.3	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	9.5	9.4	9.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	3.0	2.9	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.5	6.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	72.9	73.9	71.2	- 1.0	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.2	7.2	6.8	0	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	26.1	26.0	25.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade	6.4	6.4	6.2	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	19.7	19.6	19.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	23.1	23.2	22.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	13.2	14.1	13.1	- 0.9	+ 0.1
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.4	0	- 0.4
State and Local	12.2	13.1	11.7	- 0.9	+ 0.5
State	4.3	5.3	4.0	- 1.0	+ 0.3
Local	7.9	7.8	7.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 99,600 for June, 1991, a decrease of 1,000 from last month's estimate. The decrease in employment was due mainly to a seasonal downturn in the government segment of the economy.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,700. This total was unchanged from last month as a gain of 100 in manufacturing was offset by a loss of 100 in mining.

Service producing employment was estimated at 72,900, a decrease of 1,000 from last month's revised estimate of 73,900. Trade rose by 100 from the prior month due to expansion in the retail sector. Finance, insurance, and real estate, and services both had a minimal drop of 100. Government employment declined by 900 due to seasonal layoffs at educational institutions within state government.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	69.3	68.9	69.8	+ 0.4	- 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	19.2	19.7	20.0	- 0.5	- 0.8
MINING	1.4	1.3	1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	7.2	7.6	6.9	- 0.4	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	10.6	10.8	11.8	- 0.2	- 1.2
Durable Goods	1.7	2.0	3.1	- 0.3	- 1.4
Nondurable Goods	8.9	8.8	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemical & Petro Products	8.1	8.0	7.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	50.1	49.2	49.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.6	4.5	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.7	15.7	16.0	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0
Retail Trade	12.2	12.2	12.5	0	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	15.1	15.0	14.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	12.0	11.3	12.1	+ 0.7	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.9	0	- 0.3
State and Local	11.4	10.7	11.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
State	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	8.0	7.3	7.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 69,300. This was an increase of 400 over the May revised level of 68,900. The increase in employment was due mostly to seasonal hiring in the government segment of the economy.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,200, a drop of 500 from last month's revised estimate of 19,700. Construction was off by 400 in June due to poor weather and a turnaround project slowing down at a chemical plant in the MSA. Manufacturing declined by 200 with the continuation of layoffs at a major employer in the durable goods manufacturing sector. Mining had a minimal increase of 100 in June.

Service producing employment was estimated at 50,100, a gain of 900 from last month's revised estimate of 49,200. Gains of 100 each occurred in the transportation, communications, and public utilities, and services sectors of the economy. Government rose by 700 due to summer youth hiring in local government.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.5	58.5	58.6	0	- 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	11.1	10.8	10.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
MINING	0.4	0.3	0.4	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.8	2.6	2.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	4.9	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	47.4	47.7	47.8	- 0.3	- 0.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.7	14.6	15.2	+ 0.1	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade	3.6	3.6	3.9	0	- 0.3
Retail Trade	11.1	11.0	11.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	13.9	13.5	13.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	11.2	12.0	11.5	- 0.8	- 0.3
Federal	0.6	0.7	0.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	10.6	11.3	10.8	- 0.7	- 0.2
State	4.6	5.0	4.3	- 0.4	+ 0.3
Local	6.0	6.3	6.5	- 0.3	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 58,500 during June, was unchanged from the May estimate, and was 100 below the June, 1990 estimate.

Goods producing was up by 300 to an estimated 11,100. Mining increased by 100. Construction rose by 200 as work began to repair and rebuild damages resulting from recent disasters in the area. Manufacturing was unchanged.

Service producing, estimated at 47,400, was 300 below the May estimate of 47,700. Services experienced the largest gain, 400, as outdoor activities began the seasonal increase and summer youths were hired in several services categories. Trade rose by 100 in the retail segment. Government was down by 800 reflecting the end of the spring semester at area educational facilities. All other segments were unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	540.6	542.3	533.3	- 1.7	+ 7.3
GOODS PRODUCING	82.8	83.3	81.1	- 0.5	+ 1.7
MINING	14.0	14.0	13.9	0	+ 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.7	13.7	13.5	0	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	23.3	23.7	22.2	- 0.4	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	45.5	45.6	45.0	- 0.1	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	24.1	24.2	23.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.3	2.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.6	3.5	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	14.7	14.8	14.1	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.2	11.4	10.5	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.4	21.4	21.2	0	+ 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.5	5.9	0	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	457.8	459.0	452.2	- 1.2	+ 5.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.2	44.2	44.1	0	+ 0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.1	8.0	8.3	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Water Transportation	13.7	13.6	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Comm. & Public Util.	13.3	13.4	13.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.3	132.6	133.9	+ 0.7	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	31.0	30.8	31.2	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.4	17.7	0	- 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.4	13.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	102.3	101.8	102.7	+ 0.5	- 0.4
General Merchandise	12.4	12.5	12.4	- 0.1	0
Food Stores	20.3	20.1	20.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	36.1	35.9	36.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.5	31.3	31.9	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Banking	10.1	10.1	10.4	0	- 0.3
SERVICES	158.0	160.6	153.7	- 2.6	+ 4.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.3	14.6	14.3	- 0.3	0
Health Services	42.4	42.2	40.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Educational Services	14.9	18.1	15.0	- 3.2	- 0.1
GOVERNMENT	90.8	90.3	88.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.2
Federal	15.9	16.0	16.5	- 0.1	- 0.6
State and Local	74.9	74.3	72.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
State	19.2	19.6	18.3	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Local	55.7	54.7	53.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.9

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in June was estimated at 540,600, decreasing 1,700 from the previous month. Downward adjustments were seasonal in nature.

Goods producing employment was 82,800, down 500 from May, but 1,700 above the June, 1990 figure. Manufacturing lost 100 jobs during the month due to losses in fabricated metal products, and transportation equipment. The completion of several large projects helped pull construction down. Unusually heavy rains and flooding delayed the start of new jobs at a time when construction generally makes seasonal advancements. Mining remained at the same level as the previous month.

Service producing employment was reduced 1,200 over the month. Trade moved up with the larger gains in the retail segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate displayed normal seasonal increases. Services showed a significant decrease as educational service employment declined. Government was boosted by increased summer hires in local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $461.04 per week, down $15.70 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.8, down 0.8 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.30, down $0.16 from May, but $0.21 over June of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 38,900 for June. The unemployment rate registered 6.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 7,511.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Jun. 1991*	May 1991**	Jun. 1990**	Net Change From May 1991	Net Change From Jun. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	134.0	134.3	134.1	- 0.3	- 0.1
GOODS PRODUCING	26.9	26.2	27.2	+ 0.7	- 0.3
MINING	3.1	3.0	3.1	+ 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	6.6	6.1	6.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	17.2	17.1	17.9	+ 0.1	- 0.7
Durable Goods	11.7	11.7	12.3	0	- 0.6
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.8	4.8	5.0	0	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.4	5.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	107.1	108.1	106.9	- 1.0	+ 0.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.1	8.3	+ 0.1	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.1	32.0	32.1	+ 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	7.6	7.8	7.9	- 0.2	- 0.3
Retail Trade	24.5	24.2	24.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.6	6.7	6.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	34.1	34.4	34.0	- 0.3	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	26.1	26.9	26.1	- 0.8	0
Federal	5.0	4.9	5.2	+ 0.1	- 0.2
State and Local	21.1	22.0	20.9	- 0.9	+ 0.2
State	6.4	6.8	6.7	- 0.4	- 0.3
Local	14.7	15.2	14.2	- 0.5	+ 0.5

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the MSA, estimated at 134,000, showed only a small decline from the May revised and the year-ago estimates. Increased construction activity brought about more goods producing jobs, while seasonal factors caused service producing employment to drop below the May revised estimate, but showed a gain of 200 from one year ago.

Goods producing employment rose to 26,900 in June, a gain of 700 over the May estimate, but remained 300 below the June, 1990 estimate. Construction jobs rose to 6,600, up from 6,100 in May, as building and heavy construction activities increased. Mining and manufacturing jobs increased 100 each from May to June.

Service producing jobs in June dropped to 107,100, down from 108,100 in May. Most of this change occurred when schools closed for the summer. Additional job losses occurred in finance, insurance, and real estate and in services.

Production workers in manufacturing, estimated at 12,600, had average weekly earnings of $538.46, up $1.43 from the weekly average in May. Average weekly hours of 42.1 were 1.6 hours more than last month and average hourly earnings dripped slightly to $12.79, down $0.47 from last month.

The civilian labor force for this area was 159,400 in June, including 148,700 employed and 10,700 unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 6.7 percent. A three month (April, May, June) average unemployment rate for this area was 6.7 percent, compared to 6.3 percent for the same period one year ago.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana during July was estimated at 1,613,400, a decrease of 200 employees from the June, 1991 revised level, but 14,100 above the July, 1990 figure.

Goods producing employment, estimated at 337,700, was 400 above the June figure. Mining employment was higher due to increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. Construction employment was higher in each segment of the industry. Further layoffs in the transportation equipment sector resulted in an employment drop for the manufacturing industry.

Employment in the service producing sector was estimated at 1,275,700 for July, a decrease of 600 employees from the June estimate. Lower employment in the transportation, communications, and public utilities industry was due to less business in each segment. Trade employment rose in both the wholesale and retail segments. Increases in real estate and insurance were responsible for the gain in finance, insurance, and real estate employment. Higher employment for engineering and management services, and health services accounted for much of the gain in total services employment. Government employment was down as a result of a decrease in local education staff.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 132,400 production workers in manufacturing increased from $506.85 in June to $508.02 in July, an increase of $1.17 and an increase of $12.69 from July of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.14 higher in July than June and $0.30 higher than July a year ago. Average weekly hours for July were 42.3, a decrease of 0.4 hours from the June revised level of 42.7 hours.

The July preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.9 percent, up from the June revised rate of 7.4 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (May, June, July) was 7.5 percent compared to 6.4 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for July was 6.7 percent. The national rate for June was 6.9 percent.

Total unemployment increased to 159,100. Claims for unemployment insurance increased which is normal in July.

The state's civilian labor force increased to 2,003,900 with an increase in total employment to 1,844,800.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	June 1991	July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1613.4	1613.6	1599.3	- 0.2	+14.1
GOODS PRODUCING	337.7	337.3	332.0	+ 0.4	+ 5.7
MINING	56.5	56.2	56.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.7	54.4	54.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	97.6	96.8	91.4	+ 0.8	+ 6.2
General Contractors	20.4	20.2	18.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	39.3	38.8	36.2	+ 0.5	+ 3.1
Special Trade Contractors	37.9	37.8	37.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	183.6	184.3	184.6	- 0.7	- 1.0
Durable Goods	80.9	81.3	82.4	- 0.4	- 1.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.6	12.4	12.6	+ 0.2	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.2	5.5	0	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	14.4	14.3	14.4	+ 0.1	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.3	12.2	11.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.2	6.4	6.0	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	23.7	24.3	25.6	- 0.6	- 1.9
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	102.7	103.0	102.2	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	22.1	21.6	21.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.9	10.3	10.7	- 0.4	- 0.8
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.3	12.4	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.8	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.3	30.3	29.5	0	+ 0.8
Inorganic Chemicals	6.1	6.1	5.8	0	+ 0.3
Organic Chemicals	11.2	11.2	11.0	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	11.9	11.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Petroleum Refining	11.1	11.0	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.4	6.8	6.9	- 0.4	- 0.5
SERVICE PRODUCING	1275.7	1276.3	1267.3	- 0.6	+ 8.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	111.1	111.4	111.8	- 0.3	- 0.7
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	67.0	67.2	67.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
Water Transportation	27.2	27.3	27.4	- 0.1	- 0.2
Communications & Public Utilities	39.3	39.4	39.8	- 0.1	- 0.5
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.5	16.7	17.2	- 0.2	- 0.7
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.8	22.7	22.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	July 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	377.3	376.8	374.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.3
Wholesale Trade	87.4	87.2	86.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.8	47.8	47.3	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.6	39.4	38.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Retail Trade	289.9	289.6	287.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.0
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.0	10.1	10.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
General Merchandise	41.2	41.1	40.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Food Stores	57.4	56.9	57.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.7	30.5	30.9	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Apparel and Accessory	16.2	16.1	16.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Furniture and Equipment	9.8	9.7	9.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	93.0	93.5	93.4	- 0.5	- 0.4
Other Retail Trade	31.6	31.7	30.2	- 0.1	+ 1.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.5	79.2	78.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Banking	29.5	29.5	29.9	0	- 0.4
Insurance	26.8	26.6	26.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
SERVICES	382.0	381.3	375.4	+ 0.7	+ 6.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.0	22.1	22.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Personal Services	13.9	13.8	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Business Services	63.4	63.7	63.9	- 0.3	- 0.5
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.5	11.7	11.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	8.3	8.1	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Amusement & Recreation Services	13.5	13.4	13.8	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Health Services	121.4	120.7	117.8	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Hospitals	53.9	53.7	52.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Legal Services	16.3	16.4	16.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Educational Services	21.6	21.8	21.4	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Social Services	22.0	22.4	21.3	- 0.4	+ 0.7
Membership Organizations	28.6	28.5	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.7	29.1	29.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Miscellaneous Services	5.3	5.1	5.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	325.8	327.6	327.3	- 1.8	- 1.5
Federal	38.6	38.5	40.2	+ 0.1	- 1.6
State and Local	287.2	289.1	287.1	- 1.9	+ 0.1
State	98.6	98.5	95.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.5
Local	188.6	190.6	192.0	- 2.0	- 3.4

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	508.02	506.85	495.33	42.3	42.7	42.3	12.01	11.87	11.71
Durable Goods	445.30	446.65	443.22	41.5	41.9	41.5	10.73	10.66	10.68
Lumber & Wood Products	393.13	390.82	392.86	42.5	42.9	43.7	9.25	9.11	8.99
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	417.10	401.65	411.07	39.8	39.3	40.7	10.48	10.22	10.10
Fabricated Metal Products	445.98	440.66	415.70	44.2	43.5	42.9	10.09	10.13	9.69
Machinery, ex. Electrical	454.79	448.06	401.53	44.5	44.1	40.6	10.22	10.16	9.89
Electric & Electronic Equip.	557.74	634.52	701.56	35.1	42.7	42.7	15.89	14.86	16.43
Transportation Equipment	457.70	447.30	463.27	39.8	39.1	39.8	11.50	11.44	11.64
Nondurable Goods	563.73	559.86	542.23	43.0	43.4	43.0	13.11	12.90	12.61
Food & Kindred Products	324.01	334.53	332.00	40.4	41.3	41.5	8.02	8.10	8.00
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	211.41	233.13	195.96	34.6	36.2	34.5	6.11	6.44	5.68
Paper & Allied Products	671.40	618.19	649.89	45.0	42.9	45.1	14.92	14.41	14.41
Printing & Publishing	418.04	422.96	424.93	37.9	37.9	39.2	11.03	11.16	10.84
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	790.04	816.75	760.84	46.5	48.3	46.0	16.99	16.91	16.54
Petroleum & Coal Products	880.31	821.60	843.13	49.4	47.3	48.4	17.82	17.37	17.42
Petroleum Refining	895.46	831.32	858.44	49.5	47.1	48.2	18.09	17.65	17.81
MINING	604.30	612.70	596.02	46.2	46.7	48.3	13.08	13.12	12.34
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	546.11	538.05	541.83	42.4	42.5	42.9	12.88	12.66	12.63
BANKING	274.17	284.90	296.04	39.0	37.0	38.8	7.03	7.70	7.63

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **132,400** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **94,300** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**	July '91*	June '91**	July '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	621.97	604.13	608.58	44.3	43.4	44.1	14.04	13.92	13.80
Chemicals and Petro. Products	812.33	789.05	813.38	47.7	46.8	46.8	17.03	16.86	17.38

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,900** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	453.60	460.72	459.10	40.5	40.7	40.7	11.20	11.32	11.28
Durable Goods	405.81	387.27	388.47	40.1	39.0	38.5	10.12	9.93	10.09
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	389.99	343.88	373.11	41.8	39.3	40.6	9.33	8.75	9.19
Fabricated Metal Products	422.03	394.94	395.08	42.5	40.8	41.5	9.93	9.68	9.52
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	357.02	342.01	361.34	37.7	36.5	37.6	9.47	9.37	9.61
Nondurable Goods	505.12	538.05	537.84	40.9	42.5	43.2	12.35	12.66	12.45
Food & Kindred Products	337.79	361.09	359.45	37.7	40.3	39.5	8.96	8.96	9.10
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	139.81	143.29	207.86	27.2	26.1	34.3	5.14	5.49	6.06
Printing & Publishing	385.84	407.09	405.72	40.7	39.6	41.4	9.48	10.28	9.80
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	803.38	857.74	793.96	46.6	51.3	47.8	17.24	16.72	16.61

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **31,700** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	543.30	538.90	503.74	41.6	42.3	41.7	13.06	12.74	12.08
Lumber and Wood Products	350.24	306.90	387.26	44.0	39.6	47.4	7.96	7.75	8.17
Food and Kindred Products	313.05	315.40	302.81	38.6	41.5	37.2	8.11	7.60	8.14
Printing and Publishing	359.45	352.26	374.49	35.0	34.4	36.5	10.27	10.24	10.26
Chemicals & Allied Products	680.89	661.98	636.50	48.6	47.9	50.0	14.01	13.82	12.73

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **12,500** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY July, 1991				REVISED June, 1991				REVISED July, 1990			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	2003.9	1844.8	159.1	7.9	1961.9	1816.2	145.7	7.4	1936.7	1813.6	123.1	6.4
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	61.2	56.5	4.7	7.7	60.5	56.2	4.3	7.1	59.2	55.2	4.0	6.8
Baton Rouge 2/	290.2	268.4	21.8	7.5	282.9	263.4	19.5	6.9	279.7	263.8	15.9	5.7
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	75.0	69.5	5.5	7.3	74.4	69.9	4.5	6.1	71.9	68.3	3.6	4.9
Lafayette 4/	113.0	106.3	6.7	6.0	109.9	103.9	6.0	5.5	109.3	104.3	5.0	4.5
Lake Charles 5/	86.3	78.1	8.2	9.5	83.7	76.8	6.9	8.3	82.4	76.9	5.5	6.7
Monroe 6/	72.8	67.8	5.0	6.9	69.7	64.9	4.8	6.8	71.2	66.9	4.3	6.0
New Orleans 7/	610.7	569.3	41.4	6.8	598.7	559.4	39.3	6.6	594.7	559.0	35.7	6.0
Shreveport 8/	162.1	150.3	11.8	7.3	160.0	149.2	10.8	6.7	156.4	146.7	9.7	6.2

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
July 1990	130.4		
July 1991	136.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.4

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY JULY 91				REVISED JUNE 91			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	23,425	20,800	2,625	11.2	22,450	20,600	1,850	8.3
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,425	9,225	1,200	11.5	10,225	9,150	1,075	10.5
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,975	6,125	850	12.1	6,700	5,975	725	10.8
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,900	14,800	2,100	12.4	16,825	14,700	2,125	12.6
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,850	12,700	1,150	8.3	13,525	12,525	1,000	7.4
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	7,125	6,450	675	9.3	6,925	6,350	575	8.3
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,400	3,850	550	12.2	4,450	3,900	550	12.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,800	4,600	200	4.0	4,725	4,500	225	4.8
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,750	3,275	475	12.8	3,750	3,250	500	13.2
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,725	7,100	625	8.0	7,525	6,950	575	7.7
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,025	8,450	1,575	15.7	9,900	8,375	1,525	15.4
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,400	10,250	1,150	10.2	11,475	10,250	1,225	10.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,550	3,000	550	15.3	3,600	3,025	575	16.3
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,400	6,825	575	7.9	7,275	6,725	550	7.7
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,525	13,275	1,250	8.6	14,100	12,950	1,150	8.2
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	9,300	8,175	1,125	12.1	9,300	8,150	1,150	12.4
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,375	6,675	700	9.3	7,275	6,625	650	9.1
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	28,075	25,950	2,125	7.6	27,600	25,650	1,950	7.1
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	12,100	10,600	1,500	12.4	11,775	10,375	1,400	11.8
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,500	6,050	450	6.9	6,350	5,950	400	6.3
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,375	10,700	1,675	13.6	11,600	10,475	1,125	9.6
JENA (LASALLE)	6,100	5,500	600	9.8	6,025	5,475	550	9.3
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,975	17,125	850	4.8	17,650	16,850	800	4.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,800	5,000	800	13.8	5,575	4,900	675	12.2
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	13,300	12,000	1,300	9.8	13,200	11,950	1,250	9.5
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,950	14,625	1,325	8.4	15,575	14,350	1,225	7.8
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,750	8,150	600	6.9	8,575	8,025	550	6.5
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,425	6,175	1,250	16.9	7,250	6,100	1,150	15.9
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,325	3,650	675	15.3	4,175	3,550	625	14.9
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,575	7,525	1,050	12.2	8,400	7,450	950	11.4
MANY (SABINE)	10,625	9,800	825	7.7	10,450	9,700	750	7.3
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	3,000	2,650	350	11.7	2,900	2,575	325	11.4
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,675	8,650	1,025	10.5	9,725	8,750	975	9.9
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	31,600	28,050	3,550	11.3	31,325	27,950	3,375	10.8
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	25,725	23,375	2,350	9.1	25,025	23,000	2,025	8.1
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,800	35,150	4,650	11.7	38,725	34,550	4,175	10.8
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,525	2,250	275	10.7	2,425	2,225	200	8.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,450	7,825	625	7.5	8,425	7,750	675	8.1
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,100	17,325	1,775	9.3	18,875	17,225	1,650	8.8
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,650	17,300	1,350	7.2	18,375	17,100	1,275	7.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,075	15,975	2,100	11.6	17,675	15,675	2,000	11.3
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,850	18,100	1,750	8.8	19,250	17,575	1,675	8.7
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,825	3,825	1,000	20.6	4,875	3,800	1,075	22.0
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,275	3,975	300	7.0	4,125	3,850	275	6.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,225	5,725	500	7.8	6,150	5,675	475	7.6

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	46.9	47.4	46.1	- 0.5	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	6.9	6.9	6.5	0	+ 0.4
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.6	3.1	0	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.0	40.5	39.6	- 0.5	+ 0.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.7	10.6	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.0	1.9	1.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	12.2	12.5	12.3	- 0.3	- 0.1
Health Services	5.4	5.4	5.4	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.6	13.0	12.2	- 0.4	+ 0.4
Federal	3.0	2.9	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
State and Local	9.6	10.1	9.4	- 0.5	+ 0.2
State	4.6	4.6	4.5	0	+ 0.1
Local	5.0	5.5	4.9	- 0.5	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 46,900 for the current month. This estimate was 500 less than last month and 800 more than July, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,900 for July. This estimate was unchanged from last month and 400 more than July of last year. The increase from last year was centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,000. This estimate was 500 less than June, as a result of a decrease in local government due to the seasonal reduction of noninstructional personnel. Compared to July of last year, service producing employment increased by 400, with the largest increase centered in government.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	238.6	238.4	238.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
GOODS PRODUCING	51.6	51.5	50.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	27.4	27.3	26.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	23.3	23.3	22.9	0	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.5	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	17.9	17.9	17.4	0	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.5	12.5	12.1	0	+ 0.4
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	187.0	186.9	187.9	+ 0.1	- 0.9
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.3	11.4	11.1	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.4	54.3	53.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	41.9	41.8	41.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
General Merchandise	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	12.9	13.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	55.2	55.1	54.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	53.1	53.2	55.5	- 0.1	- 2.4
Federal	2.4	2.4	3.0	0	- 0.6
State and Local	50.7	50.8	52.5	- 0.1	- 1.8
State	26.7	26.5	27.7	+ 0.2	- 1.0
Local	24.0	24.3	24.8	- 0.3	- 0.8

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA rose to a level of 238,600 in July. This figure was 200 greater than the June revised level and 400 higher than the year-ago level. Small employment gains occurred in both the goods and service producing sectors.

Goods producing employment increased to 51,600, up 100 from the June revised estimate and 1,300 above the year-ago estimate. Construction, the only segment reporting an increase, was up 100 due to more business in general nonresidential and heavy construction. Mining and manufacturing employment remained unchanged from the June estimate.

Service producing employment increased to 187,000, up 100 from the June revised estimate, but 900 lower than the year-ago level. A reduction in telephone communications caused transportation, communications, and public utilities to decrease to 11,300. More business in retail gasoline service stations pushed trade employment upward to 54,400. Finance, insurance, and real estate was up 100 due to a short term business project within the real estate industry. Services employment was up 100 due to continued seasonal hiring in amusement and recreation and more business in hotels. Total government decreased to 53,100. This figure was 100 less than the June estimate and 2,400 less than the year-ago estimate. These losses were due to seasonal or temporary cutbacks, however, state government was up 200 in July, 1991 as a result of seasonal nonfaculty hiring at state colleges and universities.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,900 production workers in all manufacturing were $621.97 for July, an increase of $17.84 from the June average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were up $13.39. Average weekly hours at 44.3 increased by 0.9 hours. Average hourly earnings at $14.04 increased by $0.12 per hour. A longer workweek contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA rose to 290,200 in July. Total employment increased to 268,400, while unemployment increased to 21,800. The unemployment rate for the MSA was 7.5 percent.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,894 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,330 referrals to current openings resulted in 130 placements during the month of July.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	June 1991	July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.5	60.5	58.7	- 1.0	+ 0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	14.0	14.1	13.3	- 0.1	+ 0.7
MINING	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	6.0	6.1	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	4.2	4.4	3.9	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.7	1.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.5	46.4	45.4	- 0.9	+ 0.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.7	6.7	6.7	0	0
Water Transportation	4.1	4.1	4.2	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.0	14.8	14.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.1	2.9	3.1	+ 0.2	0
Retail Trade	11.9	11.9	11.5	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.2	11.3	11.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.5	11.5	11.0	- 1.0	- 0.5
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.1	11.1	10.5	- 1.0	- 0.4
State	2.6	3.4	2.9	- 0.8	- 0.3
Local	7.5	7.7	7.6	- 0.2	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA decreased to 59,500, a level 1,000 below June. The change was mostly in service producing employment. Total nonagricultural employment moved up to a level 800 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment stood at 14,000, down from June, but 700 over the July, 1990 figure. The durable goods segment of manufacturing decreased due to the completion of contracts. In nondurable goods, employment increased because of the seafood processing season. Mining employment held steady in the best season of the year for outside activity. Construction employment showed no significant change.

Service producing employment showed a decrease of 900, mostly seasonal in nature. Trade added workers in both the wholesale durable and nondurable goods segments. Less favorably, services exhibited a small overall downturn. Government was lowered by summer downward adjustments in educational services in both state and local government.

Estimated unemployment was 5,500 in July. Unemployment presently comprises 7.3 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 847.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	100.6	99.9	98.6	+ 0.7	+ 2.0
GOODS PRODUCING	26.7	26.7	26.3	0	+ 0.4
MINING	12.6	12.6	12.8	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	9.5	9.5	9.1	0	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	3.0	3.0	2.6	0	+ 0.4
Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.5	6.5	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	73.9	73.2	72.3	+ 0.7	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.2	7.2	6.7	0	+ 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	26.0	26.2	25.5	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	6.5	6.5	6.2	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	19.5	19.7	19.3	- 0.2	+ 0.2
General Merchandise	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.3	3.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	23.1	23.1	22.6	0	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	14.2	13.4	14.2	+ 0.8	0
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.5	0	- 0.5
State and Local	13.2	12.4	12.7	+ 0.8	+ 0.5
State	4.6	4.4	4.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Local	8.6	8.0	8.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA was estimated at 100,600 in July. This figure was 700 greater than the June revised estimate and 2,000 higher than the year-ago level of 98,600. The increase in employment was due mostly to a seasonal upturn in the government segment of the economy.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,700. This total was unchanged from last month's revised estimate. Compared to July of last year, this estimate increased by 400 with the increase located in the manufacturing and construction industries.

Service producing employment was estimated at 73,900. This was an increase of 700 from the June revised estimate of 73,200. Trade was off by 200 with the loss centered in the retail trade segment of the economy. Finance, insurance, and real estate had a minimal increase of 100. Government employment was up by 800 due primarily to summer youth hiring at the local government level.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	69.4	69.5	68.8	- 0.1	+ 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	19.0	19.1	19.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
MINING	1.3	1.4	1.3	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	7.6	7.1	6.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
MANUFACTURING	10.1	10.6	11.7	- 0.5	- 1.6
Durable Goods	1.3	1.7	3.1	- 0.4	- 1.8
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.9	8.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Chemical & Petro Products	8.0	8.1	7.8	- 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	50.4	50.4	49.4	0	+ 1.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.4	4.6	4.3	- 0.2	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.9	15.9	15.6	0	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	12.2	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
SERVICES	15.4	15.2	14.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	11.9	12.0	12.1	- 0.1	- 0.2
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.9	0	- 0.3
State and Local	11.3	11.4	11.2	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Local	7.9	8.0	7.9	- 0.1	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles MSA was estimated at 69,400 for July, a decrease of 100 from last month's estimate.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,000, a drop of 100 from the June estimate of 19,100. Construction was the only industry in the goods producing sector to show an increase in July and it was up by 500. Manufacturing declined by 500 due primarily to the continuation of layoffs at a major employer in the durable goods manufacturing sector. Mining had a drop of 100 in July.

Service producing employment was estimated at 50,400. This figure was unchanged from last month's revised figure. Transportation, communications, and public utilities lost 200 employees and services gained 200 employees. Finance, insurance, and real estate had a gain of 100, while government employment decreased by 100.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	June 1991	July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.6	58.1	59.6	+ 1.5	0
GOODS PRODUCING	11.2	11.0	10.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.0	2.8	2.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.8	0	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.8	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	48.4	47.1	48.7	+ 1.3	- 0.3
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.0	3.3	0	- 0.3
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.9	15.0	15.0	- 0.1	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.7	3.6	3.9	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Retail Trade	11.2	11.4	11.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.5	2.6	2.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.2	3.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.3	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
SERVICES	13.8	13.9	13.3	- 0.1	+ 0.5
GOVERNMENT	12.2	10.7	12.8	+ 1.5	- 0.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	11.6	10.1	12.1	+ 1.5	- 0.5
State	4.5	3.9	4.5	+ 0.6	0
Local	7.1	6.2	7.6	+ 0.9	- 0.5

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 59,600 during July, 1991 was up 1,500 from the June estimate of 58,100 and was the same as the July, 1990 estimate.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,200, was 200 above the June estimate and 300 above the same period one year ago. The over-the-month gain was in construction and reflects the continued repair and reconstruction of properties damaged during the May disasters in the area. Mining and manufacturing were both unchanged over the month and the year.

Service producing, estimated at 48,400, was up 1,300 from the June estimate. The largest gain was in government, 1,500, and reflects summer hiring in special programs for youths. Services and trade were down 100 each. All other segments were unchanged over the month.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	540.3	541.3	536.5	- 1.0	+ 3.8
GOODS PRODUCING	82.6	82.8	81.6	- 0.2	+ 1.0
MINING	13.9	13.9	13.9	0	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.6	13.6	13.5	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	23.2	23.2	22.7	0	+ 0.5
MANUFACTURING	45.5	45.7	45.0	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Durable Goods	24.0	24.1	23.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.5	0	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.2	2.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.6	3.6	3.2	0	+ 0.4
Transportation Equipment	14.5	14.7	14.4	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	11.0	11.2	10.8	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.5	21.6	21.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	5.6	5.7	5.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.8	3.8	3.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	457.7	458.5	454.9	- 0.8	+ 2.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.1	44.5	43.9	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.0	8.1	8.4	- 0.1	- 0.4
Water Transportation	13.7	13.9	13.1	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Comm. & Public Util.	13.2	13.3	13.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	132.9	133.3	133.7	- 0.4	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	30.8	31.0	31.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.4	17.8	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.4	13.6	13.2	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	102.1	102.3	102.7	- 0.2	- 0.6
General Merchandise	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Food Stores	20.4	20.3	20.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.8	36.1	36.2	- 0.3	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.1	31.3	31.9	- 0.2	- 0.8
Banking	9.8	9.9	10.5	- 0.1	- 0.7
SERVICES	157.5	158.3	152.4	- 0.8	+ 5.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	14.0	14.3	13.9	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Health Services	42.6	42.4	40.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.8
Educational Services	14.9	15.1	14.7	- 0.2	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	92.1	91.1	93.0	+ 1.0	- 0.9
Federal	16.0	16.0	17.0	0	- 1.0
State and Local	76.1	75.1	76.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
State	19.1	18.9	18.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Local	57.0	56.2	57.3	+ 0.8	- 0.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA in July was estimated at 540,300, down 1,000 from the previous month. Downward adjustments were evident in both industry divisions.

Goods producing employment stood at 82,600, down 200 from June but 1,000 over the July, 1990 figure. In durable goods manufacturing, an increase in fabricated metals employment was offset by a decrease in ship and boat building and repairing. In nondurable goods, food and kindred products experienced a seasonal decline.

Service producing employment was estimated at 457,700. This was 800 below the June total. Transportation, communications, and public utilities displayed small scattered decreases in many industry segments. Trade lost workers as business decreased at eating and drinking places. Finance, insurance, and real estate eased down. Services displayed a moderate overall seasonal decrease. Government was boosted by increased summer hires in state and local government.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $453.60 per week, down $7.12 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.5, down 0.2 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.20, down $0.12 from June, and eight cents less than July of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 41,400 for July. The unemployment rate registered 6.8 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 8,150.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	July 1991*	June 1991**	July 1990**	Net Change From June 1991	Net Change From July 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.1	135.1	132.4	- 2.0	+ 0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	26.6	27.1	26.9	- 0.5	- 0.3
MINING	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.6	6.7	6.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	17.0	17.3	17.4	- 0.3	- 0.4
Durable Goods	11.5	11.8	11.7	- 0.3	- 0.2
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.9	1.9	2.1	0	- 0.2
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.5	4.8	4.4	- 0.3	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.7	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	106.5	108.0	105.5	- 1.5	+ 1.0
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.2	8.3	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	33.2	32.7	32.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.7	7.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	25.4	25.0	24.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.7	6.6	6.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
SERVICES	34.0	34.4	34.2	- 0.4	- 0.2
GOVERNMENT	24.4	26.1	24.5	- 1.7	- 0.1
Federal	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 0.2
State and Local	19.4	21.1	19.3	- 1.7	+ 0.1
State	6.5	6.4	6.5	+ 0.1	0
Local	12.9	14.7	12.8	- 1.8	+ 0.1

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Shreveport MSA decreased in July to 133,100, down from the June revised estimate of 135,100. The year-ago total for this area was 132,400. Both goods and service producing employment decreased over the month. These decreases were mostly seasonal changes.

Goods producing employment in July dropped 500 below the June revised estimate, with job losses occurring in manufacturing, construction, and mining. Construction jobs, estimated at 6,700, fell 100 below the June revised figure. Jobs in mining moved down to 3,000 in July, 100 less than June and the year-ago estimates. A temporary plant closing caused manufacturing jobs to drop to 17,000, down 300 from June.

Service producing jobs, estimated at 106,500, decreased 1,500 over the month, but remained above the year-ago estimate of 105,500. The most significant over-the-month change occurred in local government as public school payrolls declined for the summer. Trade, at 33,200, rose from the June estimate of 32,700 and the year-ago total of 32,100. Finance, insurance, and real estate moved up slightly to 6,700, up from 6,600 in June and 6,400 one year ago.

The 12,500 production workers in manufacturing had average weekly earnings of $543.30, up $4.40 from last month and was $39.56 more than one year ago. Average weekly hours of 41.6 moved 0.7 hours below the June average and 0.1 hours below July, 1990. The average hourly earnings of $13.06 moved up $0.32 over the month and was $0.98 more than the comparable period one year ago.

This area had a civilian labor force of 162,100 in July, including 150,300 employed and 11,800 unemployed, with an unemployment rate of 7.3 percent. The unemployment rate averaged 6.9 percent for the past three months (May, June, July) compared to 6.5 percent for the same months one year ago.

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THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC SITUATION

Louisiana's nonagricultural employment in August was estimated at 1,615,100, a decrease of 4,100 from the July revised level but 16,800 higher than August, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 338,300 for August. This was an increase of 1,400 from last month's estimate of 336,900. Mining employment was down as a result of a decrease in the exploration for oil and gas. Employment in construction was higher due to more business throughout the industry. Manufacturing employment rose in the nondurable goods sector.

Service producing employment, estimated at 1,276,800, was down 5,500 from the July estimate but 13,600 higher than August one year ago. Transportation, communications, and public utilities remained stable for August. Trade employment was up due to increases in the general merchandise, and apparel and accessories sectors of the retail industry. An increase in the banking sector resulted in higher employment for the finance, insurance, and real estate industry. An increase in business services accounted for much of the gain in the services industry. A downturn in local government, except education, was responsible for the decrease in government employment.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 134,000 production workers in manufacturing increased from $500.64 in July to $505.90 in August, an increase of $5.26 and an increase of $18.00 from August of last year. Average hourly earnings were $0.10 lower in August than July but $0.34 higher than August a year ago. Average weekly hours for August were 42.8, an increase of 0.8 hours from the July revised level of 42.0 hours.

The August preliminary unemployment rate for Louisiana was 7.7 percent, down from the July revised rate of 7.9 percent. The average unemployment rate for the last three months (June, July, August) was 7.7 percent compared to 6.4 percent for the same period last year.

The comparable national unemployment rate for August was 6.5 percent. The national rate for July was 6.7 percent.

Total unemployment decreased to 148,300. Claims for unemployment insurance decreased which is normal in August.

The state's civilian labor force decreased to 1,936,500 with a decrease in total employment to 1,788,200.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1615.1	1619.2	1598.3	- 4.1	+16.8
GOODS PRODUCING	338.3	336.9	335.1	+ 1.4	+ 3.2
MINING	56.2	56.5	56.0	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Oil and Gas Extraction	54.4	54.7	54.2	- 0.3	+ 0.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	97.7	96.8	92.6	+ 0.9	+ 5.1
General Contractors	20.6	20.3	19.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Heavy Construction, ex. Bldg.	39.2	38.7	36.3	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Special Trade Contractors	37.9	37.8	37.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
MANUFACTURING	184.4	183.6	186.5	+ 0.8	- 2.1
Durable Goods	80.7	81.1	82.9	- 0.4	- 2.2
Lumber and Wood Products	12.3	12.6	12.5	- 0.3	- 0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.2	5.2	5.5	0	- 0.3
Primary Metal Industries	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	14.2	14.4	14.5	- 0.2	- 0.3
Machinery, Except Electrical	12.4	12.3	11.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.3	6.2	6.5	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	23.8	23.8	25.4	0	- 1.6
Other Durable Goods (1)	3.5	3.6	3.5	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	103.7	102.5	103.6	+ 1.2	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	22.3	21.9	22.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	10.3	9.9	11.0	+ 0.4	- 0.7
Paper & Allied Products	12.4	12.3	12.4	+ 0.1	0
Printing & Publishing	9.7	9.7	10.1	0	- 0.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	30.4	30.3	29.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Inorganic Chemicals	6.1	6.1	5.8	0	+ 0.3
Organic Chemicals	11.2	11.2	11.0	0	+ 0.2
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.0	12.0	11.5	0	+ 0.5
Petroleum Refining	11.1	11.1	10.6	0	+ 0.5
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	6.6	6.4	7.1	+ 0.2	- 0.5
SERVICE PRODUCING	1276.8	1282.3	1263.2	- 5.5	+13.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	111.2	111.2	111.5	0	- 0.3
Railroad Transportation	4.8	4.8	4.8	0	0
Transportation, ex. Railroads	67.3	67.0	67.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Water Transportation	27.4	27.2	27.5	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Communications & Public Utilities	39.1	39.4	39.5	- 0.3	- 0.4
Comm., ex. US Postal Service	16.3	16.5	17.1	- 0.2	- 0.8
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.8	22.9	22.4	- 0.1	+ 0.4

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	July 1991	Aug. 1990
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	378.1	377.9	374.0	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	86.6	87.2	85.8	- 0.6	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	47.4	47.7	47.1	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	39.2	39.5	38.7	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Retail Trade	291.5	290.7	288.2	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Bldg. Mat'ls. & Garden Supplies	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
General Merchandise	41.8	41.1	40.7	+ 0.7	+ 1.1
Food Stores	57.2	57.3	57.0	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	30.8	30.9	31.0	- 0.1	- 0.2
Apparel and Accessory	16.7	16.3	16.7	+ 0.4	0
Furniture and Equipment	9.7	9.8	9.3	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Eating and Drinking Places	93.3	93.3	92.6	0	+ 0.7
Other Retail Trade	31.7	31.7	30.7	0	+ 1.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	79.4	79.3	79.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Banking	29.7	29.5	29.8	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Insurance	26.6	26.6	26.7	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	381.8	381.6	376.8	+ 0.2	+ 5.0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.0	22.0	22.0	0	0
Personal Services	13.8	13.8	13.6	0	+ 0.2
Business Services	64.5	63.8	64.3	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	11.6	11.5	11.8	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Repair Services	8.0	8.1	8.0	- 0.1	0
Amusement & Recreation Services	13.3	13.6	13.7	- 0.3	- 0.4
Health Services	121.4	121.3	118.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Hospitals	53.8	54.0	52.1	- 0.2	+ 1.7
Legal Services	16.0	16.2	16.4	- 0.2	- 0.4
Educational Services	21.4	21.5	21.6	- 0.1	- 0.2
Social Services	22.3	22.1	21.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Membership Organizations	28.2	28.5	26.1	- 0.3	+ 2.1
Eng., Acct. and Related Services	29.5	29.5	29.6	0	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Services	5.3	5.2	5.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	326.3	332.3	321.9	- 6.0	+ 4.4
Federal	38.5	38.5	38.4	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	287.8	293.8	283.5	- 6.0	+ 4.3
State	97.4	98.6	93.6	- 1.2	+ 3.8
Local	190.4	195.2	189.9	- 4.8	+ 0.5

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(1) Includes furniture and fixtures, professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries.

(2) Includes leather, rubber and textile products.

All estimates of nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$505.90	$500.64	$487.90	42.8	42.0	42.5	$11.82	$11.92	$11.48
Durable Goods	459.45	437.13	439.32	42.7	41.2	41.8	10.76	10.61	10.51
Lumber & Wood Products	400.96	391.19	408.92	43.3	42.8	44.4	9.26	9.14	9.21
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	422.80	416.71	435.31	40.0	39.8	42.1	10.57	10.47	10.34
Fabricated Metal Products	444.43	443.96	432.72	43.7	44.0	44.2	10.17	10.09	9.79
Machinery, ex. Electrical	453.49	454.21	443.42	44.2	44.4	44.7	10.26	10.23	9.92
Electric & Electronic Equip.	657.80	459.93	696.15	44.0	30.1	44.2	14.95	15.28	15.75
Transportation Equipment	471.91	459.25	384.10	41.0	39.9	36.1	11.51	11.51	10.64
Nondurable Goods	546.12	557.24	530.99	42.9	42.7	43.1	12.73	13.05	12.32
Food & Kindred Products	333.85	325.61	333.91	42.1	40.6	42.7	7.93	8.02	7.82
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	237.81	212.10	204.34	37.1	34.6	35.6	6.41	6.13	5.74
Paper & Allied Products	606.29	650.18	641.00	41.9	44.2	44.7	14.47	14.71	14.34
Printing & Publishing	391.62	418.42	422.58	36.6	37.9	39.2	10.70	11.04	10.78
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	788.19	797.47	747.00	47.0	46.8	45.8	16.77	17.04	16.31
Petroleum & Coal Products	804.90	827.70	817.94	45.5	46.5	46.5	17.69	17.80	17.59
Petroleum Refining	819.02	842.16	834.21	45.4	46.4	46.5	18.04	18.15	17.94
MINING	588.24	605.98	593.61	45.6	46.4	48.3	12.90	13.06	12.29
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	531.65	540.56	538.05	41.6	42.1	42.5	12.78	12.84	12.66
BANKING	294.40	284.11	302.35	36.8	36.1	40.1	8.00	7.87	7.54

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(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **134,000** full-time and part-time workers in manufacturing and **94,300** nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	$584.71	$608.38	$608.63	43.7	43.8	44.2	$13.38	$13.89	$13.77
Petro-Chemicals	764.64	796.74	809.31	48.0	47.2	46.7	15.93	16.88	17.33

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **14,800** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	464.84	460.49	467.46	41.1	40.5	42.0	11.31	11.37	11.13
Durable Goods	405.59	404.00	412.29	40.6	40.0	40.7	9.99	10.10	10.13
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	352.52	386.88	412.22	39.3	41.6	43.9	8.97	9.30	9.39
Fabricated Metal Products	396.07	417.21	381.60	41.3	42.1	40.0	9.59	9.91	9.54
Ship & Boatbld'g. and Repair	372.79	358.34	370.72	39.2	37.8	38.9	9.51	9.48	9.53
Nondurable Goods	528.76	521.15	527.74	41.7	41.1	43.4	12.68	12.68	12.16
Food & Kindred Products	375.65	341.89	370.36	41.6	38.2	40.3	9.03	8.95	9.19
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	150.84	139.81	221.40	28.3	27.2	36.0	5.33	5.14	6.15
Printing & Publishing	353.40	389.91	405.66	38.0	40.7	41.1	9.30	9.58	9.87
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	814.33	816.62	794.29	47.4	47.7	49.0	17.18	17.12	16.21

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **31,500** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**	Aug. '91*	July '91**	Aug. '90**
ALL MANUFACTURING (1)	540.09	540.38	470.30	41.9	41.6	41.4	12.89	12.99	11.36
Lumber and Wood Products	318.79	347.42	360.14	39.7	43.7	45.3	8.03	7.95	7.95
Food and Kindred Products	317.48	322.39	362.23	41.5	42.7	40.7	7.65	7.55	8.90
Printing and Publishing	342.73	359.45	387.46	33.7	35.0	38.4	10.17	10.27	10.09
Chemicals & Allied Products	637.09	680.89	626.52	46.3	48.6	46.0	13.76	14.01	13.62

(1)Data in the average earnings table are for approximately **13,000** production workers and are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY Aug., 1991 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED July, 1991 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE	REVISED Aug., 1990 LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP.	RATE
LOUISIANA	1936.5	1788.2	148.3	7.7	2005.2	1846.6	158.6	7.9	1894.2	1777.4	116.8	6.2
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	59.8	55.0	4.8	8.0	61.3	56.6	4.7	7.7	58.4	54.5	3.9	6.7
Baton Rouge 2/	277.0	257.9	19.1	6.9	289.7	268.1	21.6	7.5	271.3	256.3	15.0	5.5
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	72.0	66.9	5.1	7.1	75.1	69.6	5.5	7.3	69.7	66.1	3.6	5.1
Lafayette 4/	109.9	103.3	6.6	6.0	113.2	106.5	6.7	5.9	106.6	102.0	4.6	4.3
Lake Charles 5/	83.3	75.5	7.8	9.3	86.2	78.1	8.1	9.4	78.8	73.6	5.2	6.6
Monroe 6/	69.4	64.5	4.9	7.0	72.8	67.8	5.0	6.9	68.9	65.0	3.9	5.7
New Orleans 7/	593.1	552.7	40.4	6.8	611.3	569.7	41.6	6.8	584.3	550.0	34.3	5.9
Shreveport 8/	157.1	145.8	11.3	7.2	162.0	150.3	11.7	7.2	153.4	143.8	9.6	6.2

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index, sometimes called the "Cost of Living Index", is a monthly measure of the average change in prices in a fixed quantity of goods and services.

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	INDEX	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR MONTH	% CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR
Aug. 1990	131.6	+ 0.9	+ 5.6
Aug. 1991	136.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.8

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, OTHER AREAS

AREA	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE	REVISED JULY 91 LABOR FORCE	EMPL	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,225	20,275	1,950	8.8	23,500	20,875	2,625	11.1
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	10,150	9,050	1,100	10.8	10,500	9,300	1,200	11.4
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	6,700	5,975	725	10.7	6,950	6,125	825	11.9
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	16,425	14,500	1,925	11.8	16,875	14,800	2,075	12.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	13,475	12,350	1,125	8.3	13,925	12,775	1,150	8.3
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,900	6,325	575	8.5	7,125	6,475	650	9.2
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,150	3,750	400	9.6	4,400	3,875	525	12.1
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,700	4,450	250	5.3	4,775	4,600	175	3.9
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	3,650	3,175	475	12.8	3,750	3,275	475	12.7
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	7,475	6,900	575	7.7	7,750	7,125	625	8.0
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	9,475	8,225	1,250	13.2	10,050	8,475	1,575	15.6
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	11,100	10,025	1,075	9.8	11,425	10,275	1,150	10.1
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	3,325	2,925	400	11.8	3,575	3,025	550	15.2
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	7,100	6,550	550	7.6	7,400	6,825	575	7.9
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	14,250	13,150	1,100	7.6	14,575	13,325	1,250	8.6
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,950	7,950	1,000	11.1	9,325	8,200	1,125	12.0
COLFAX (GRANT)	7,200	6,525	675	9.3	7,400	6,700	700	9.4
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	27,550	25,425	2,125	7.7	28,150	26,050	2,100	7.5
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,725	10,350	1,375	11.7	12,125	10,625	1,500	12.4
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	6,550	5,950	600	9.1	6,500	6,050	450	6.9
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	11,525	10,325	1,200	10.5	12,425	10,725	1,700	13.7
JENA (LASALLE)	5,925	5,375	550	9.3	6,125	5,525	600	9.7
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	17,250	16,575	675	4.0	17,975	17,150	825	4.7
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,450	4,850	600	11.1	5,800	5,000	800	13.7
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,875	11,700	1,175	9.1	13,325	12,025	1,300	9.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	15,625	14,375	1,250	8.1	16,000	14,675	1,325	8.3
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	8,525	7,975	550	6.5	8,775	8,175	600	6.9
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,175	6,025	1,150	15.9	7,425	6,175	1,250	16.7
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,125	3,550	575	14.1	4,325	3,675	650	15.1
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	8,150	7,275	875	10.7	8,575	7,525	1,050	12.1
MANY (SABINE)	10,275	9,575	700	6.8	10,600	9,800	800	7.5
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,875	2,600	275	9.9	3,025	2,675	350	11.5
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	9,350	8,450	900	9.5	9,700	8,675	1,025	10.5
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	30,350	27,075	3,275	10.8	31,675	28,150	3,525	11.1
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	24,975	22,700	2,275	9.2	25,800	23,425	2,375	9.2
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	38,400	34,375	4,025	10.5	39,875	35,250	4,625	11.6
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	2,375	2,150	225	9.2	2,500	2,250	250	10.4
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,275	7,625	650	7.8	8,475	7,850	625	7.3
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	18,575	16,950	1,625	8.7	19,150	17,375	1,775	9.2
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	18,400	17,025	1,375	7.4	18,725	17,400	1,325	7.0
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	17,375	15,450	1,925	11.0	18,050	15,975	2,075	11.6
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,375	17,525	1,850	9.6	19,875	18,100	1,775	8.9
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,425	3,850	575	13.0	4,850	3,850	1,000	20.6
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,125	3,850	275	6.8	4,275	3,975	300	6.9
WINNFIELD (WINN)	6,050	5,550	500	8.4	6,200	5,725	475	7.7

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESES.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES ARE COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	July 1991	Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	47.0	47.0	46.4	0	+ 0.6
GOODS PRODUCING	6.8	6.9	6.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.5	3.6	3.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	40.2	40.1	39.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10.8	10.7	10.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	8.8	8.7	8.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	12.5	12.4	12.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Health Services	5.5	5.5	5.4	0	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.5	12.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Federal	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 0.1
State and Local	9.5	9.6	9.5	- 0.1	0
State	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 0.1	0
Local	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria MSA was estimated at 47,000 for the current month. This estimate was unchanged from last month and 600 more than August, 1990.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 6,800 for August. This estimate was 100 less than last month's as a result of a decrease in the construction industry. Compared to August of last year this figure increased by 100, with the largest increase centered in the construction industry.

Service producing employment for the current month was estimated at 40,200. This estimate was 100 more than July and 500 more than August a year ago, as a result of an increase in the trade and services industries.

BATON ROUGE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	July 1991	Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	236.3	238.2	235.8	- 1.9	+ 0.5
GOODS PRODUCING	51.4	51.6	51.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
MINING	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	27.2	27.4	27.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
MANUFACTURING	23.3	23.3	23.0	0	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.5	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	17.9	17.9	17.5	0	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	2.2	2.2	2.0	0	+ 0.2
Printing & Publishing	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	12.5	12.5	12.2	0	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	184.9	186.6	184.8	- 1.7	+ 0.1
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	11.3	11.3	11.1	0	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	54.6	54.4	53.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade	12.5	12.5	12.5	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	8.7	8.7	8.7	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Retail Trade	42.1	41.9	41.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
General Merchandise	6.8	6.7	6.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.0	13.0	13.0	0	0
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
SERVICES	55.4	55.2	54.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	50.6	52.7	52.4	- 2.1	- 1.8
Federal	2.4	2.4	2.7	0	- 0.3
State and Local	48.2	50.3	49.7	- 2.1	- 1.5
State	25.8	26.3	27.1	- 0.5	- 1.3
Local	22.4	24.0	22.6	- 1.6	- 0.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge MSA was estimated at 236,300 for August, a decrease of 1,900 from the July revised estimate. This downward movement was due mainly to temporary or seasonal factors.

Goods producing employment declined to 51,400 for the month of August. This estimate was 200 less than the July estimate as a result of job completions in the heavy construction sector. Both mining and manufacturing employment remained unchanged from the July level. Compared to the prior year, goods producing employment was up 400 with the largest gains reported in the chemical and petroleum sectors of manufacturing.

Service producing employment began its normal seasonal downturn, declining to 184,900 for August. The decrease was centered entirely in government due to seasonal or temporary summer cutbacks in state and local government employment. Trade employment increased to 54,600 reflecting more business in department and miscellaneous retail stores. Increased activity in business services caused the services segment to move upward to 55,400.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge MSA's 14,800 production workers in all manufacturing were $584.71 for August, a decrease of $23.67 from the July average. Compared to the prior year, weekly earnings were down $23.92. Average weekly hours at 43.7 decreased by 0.1 hours, while average hourly earnings at $13.38, decreased by $0.51 per hour. The increase of lower paid employees contributed to these changes.

The total civilian labor force for the Baton Rouge MSA declined to 277,000 in August. The unemployment rate for the MSA also declined to 6.9 percent. Total employment decreased to 257,900 while unemployment decreased to 19,100.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 1,801 individuals with new or renewal applications. A total of 2,469 referrals to current openings resulted in 125 placements during the month of August.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.1	59.5	57.9	- 0.4	+ 1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	14.0	14.0	13.2	0	+ 0.8
MINING	5.6	5.7	5.4	- 0.1	+ 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	2.3	2.3	2.0	0	+ 0.3
MANUFACTURING	6.1	6.0	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Durable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.8	1.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	45.1	45.5	44.7	- 0.4	+ 0.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	6.7	6.6	6.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Water Transportation	4.1	4.1	4.3	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.9	15.0	14.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 0.1	- 0.1
Retail Trade	11.9	11.9	11.5	0	+ 0.4
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
SERVICES	11.1	11.2	10.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.6	10.3	- 0.3	0
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
State and Local	9.9	10.2	9.9	- 0.3	0
State	2.5	2.6	2.5	- 0.1	0
Local	7.4	7.6	7.4	- 0.2	0

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux MSA moved down to 59,100, a level 400 below July. The change was largely in service producing employment. Total nonagricultural employment stood at a level 1,200 above the year-ago figure.

Goods producing employment at 14,000 was estimated at the same level as July, but was 800 over the August, 1990 figure. In manufacturing, the nondurable goods segment benefitted from more business. Mining adjusted downward, largely in oil and gas field services. Construction employment held steady.

Service producing employment displayed an overall decrease of 400. Transportation, communications, and public utilities added workers. Less favorably, trade showed a small downturn. Services employment was lowered by a decrease spread through several industries in this group. Government was reduced by seasonal downturns in both state and local government employment.

Estimated unemployment was 5,100 in August. Unemployment presently comprises 7.1 percent of the civilian labor force for the Houma-Thibodaux MSA. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 874.

LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	100.5	100.5	98.8	0	+ 1.7
GOODS PRODUCING	26.6	26.7	26.5	- 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	12.6	12.6	12.8	0	- 0.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.6	4.4	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	9.4	9.5	9.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.9	3.0	2.7	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Nondurable Goods	6.5	6.5	6.6	0	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	73.9	73.8	72.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.6
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	7.1	7.2	6.9	- 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	26.0	25.9	25.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade	6.6	6.5	6.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Retail Trade	19.4	19.4	19.0	0	+ 0.4
General Merchandise	2.6	2.5	2.6	+ 0.1	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
SERVICES	23.5	23.1	22.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
GOVERNMENT	13.9	14.2	14.0	- 0.3	- 0.1
Federal	1.0	1.0	1.3	0	- 0.3
State and Local	12.9	13.2	12.7	- 0.3	+ 0.2
State	4.5	4.6	4.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Local	8.4	8.6	8.6	- 0.2	- 0.2

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette MSA for August, 1991 was estimated at 100,500. This figure was unchanged from last month's revised estimate. Compared to August a year ago, employment in the MSA has expanded by 1,700 jobs.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 26,600, a drop of 100 from July's estimate of 26,700. The only industry to show a change over the month was manufacturing and it was down by 100.

Service producing employment was estimated at 73,900, a gain of 100 from last month's revised estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had a small loss of 100, while trade had a slight increase of 100. Services rose by 400 due to increased employment in business, health, and educational services. Government was down by 300 primarily due to declines in the summer youth programs in the local government sector.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	69.0	69.2	67.1	- 0.2	+ 1.9
GOODS PRODUCING	19.2	19.0	19.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
MINING	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	7.9	7.6	6.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
MANUFACTURING	10.0	10.1	11.6	- 0.1	- 1.6
Durable Goods	1.2	1.3	3.0	- 0.1	- 1.8
Nondurable Goods	8.8	8.8	8.6	0	+ 0.2
Chemical & Petro Products	8.0	8.0	7.8	0	+ 0.2
SERVICE PRODUCING	49.8	50.2	48.1	- 0.4	+ 1.7
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	4.6	4.4	4.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.9	15.9	15.5	0	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.5	3.5	3.4	0	+ 0.1
Retail Trade	12.4	12.4	12.1	0	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 0.2
SERVICES	15.6	15.4	14.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
GOVERNMENT	10.9	11.7	11.0	- 0.8	- 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.3	11.1	10.3	- 0.8	0
State	3.2	3.2	3.3	0	- 0.1
Local	7.1	7.9	7.0	- 0.8	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, estimated at 69,000 in August, was down by 200 from the July revised estimate of 69,200.

Goods producing employment was estimated at 19,200, an increase of 200 from the July revised estimate. Construction increased by 300 with the increase centered in the general contractors and special trade contractors sectors. Manufacturing dropped by 100 due to continuing layoffs with a major employer in the durable goods sector.

Service producing employment was estimated at 49,800, a decrease of 400 from last month's estimate. Transportation, communications, and public utilities employment increased by 200 due to more activity in the water transportation industry. Services rose by 200 due primarily to employment growth in hotels and motels, and engineering and accounting services. Government declined by 800, reflecting the end of summer youth employment in local government.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

				Net Change From	
	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	July 1991	Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	58.1	59.4	58.8	- 1.3	- 0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	11.4	11.2	10.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
MINING	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.0	2.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
MANUFACTURING	7.8	7.8	7.7	0	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.8	5.7	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.8	0.8	0.7	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.0	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	46.7	48.2	47.9	- 1.5	- 1.2
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	15.0	14.9	14.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	3.8	3.7	3.8	+ 0.1	0
Retail Trade	11.2	11.2	11.1	0	+ 0.1
General Mdse. & App. & Acc.	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.5	4.5	4.4	0	+ 0.1
Banking	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
SERVICES	13.5	13.6	13.1	- 0.1	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	10.7	12.2	12.3	- 1.5	- 1.6
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
State and Local	10.1	11.6	11.6	- 1.5	- 1.5
State	4.3	4.5	4.4	- 0.2	- 0.1
Local	5.8	7.1	7.2	- 1.3	- 1.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Monroe MSA, estimated at 58,100 during August, 1991, was down 1,300 from the July estimate of 59,400.

Goods producing, estimated at 11,400, was 200 above the July estimate. The increase was in construction and reflects the continued repair and reconstruction following late spring disasters. Manufacturing and mining were unchanged over the month.

Service producing, estimated at 46,700, was 1,500 below the July estimate. The loss was primarily in government and reflects the completion of summer youth programs, as well as the end of summer sessions in educational facilities. Trade was up due to an increase in wholesale trade. Services was down by 100. All other segments were unchanged.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	540.3	539.2	538.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
GOODS PRODUCING	82.9	82.6	82.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
MINING	13.9	13.9	14.0	0	- 0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	13.6	13.6	13.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	23.6	23.4	22.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
MANUFACTURING	45.4	45.3	45.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	23.9	23.9	24.2	0	- 0.3
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.2	2.4	+ 0.2	0
Machinery Inc. Electrical	3.7	3.6	3.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	14.2	14.5	14.6	- 0.3	- 0.4
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	10.8	11.0	11.0	- 0.2	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.5	21.4	21.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Food & Kindred Products	5.5	5.6	5.7	- 0.1	- 0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2.2	2.2	1.9	0	+ 0.3
Printing & Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	3.9	3.8	3.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	1.1	1.0	1.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
SERVICE PRODUCING	457.4	456.6	456.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	44.2	44.0	44.2	+ 0.2	0
Railroad Transportation	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Trucking and Warehousing	8.0	7.9	8.4	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Water Transportation	13.8	13.7	13.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Comm. & Public Util.	13.1	13.2	13.1	- 0.1	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	133.1	132.4	134.3	+ 0.7	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	30.6	30.8	31.1	- 0.2	- 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	17.4	17.4	17.8	0	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.2	13.4	13.3	- 0.2	- 0.1
Retail Trade	102.5	101.6	103.2	+ 0.9	- 0.7
General Merchandise	12.6	12.5	12.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food Stores	20.2	20.1	20.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	35.9	35.6	36.0	+ 0.3	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	31.3	31.0	31.9	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Banking	9.9	9.8	10.5	+ 0.1	- 0.6
SERVICES	156.7	157.0	152.6	- 0.3	+ 4.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.9	13.8	14.1	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Health Services	42.6	42.7	40.6	- 0.1	+ 2.0
Educational Services	14.9	15.0	14.8	- 0.1	+ 0.1
GOVERNMENT	92.1	92.2	93.0	- 0.1	- 0.9
Federal	16.0	16.0	16.4	0	- 0.4
State and Local	76.1	76.2	76.6	- 0.1	- 0.5
State	19.3	19.2	19.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Local	56.8	57.0	57.6	- 0.2	- 0.8

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for the New Orleans MSA for August was estimated at 540,300, up 1,100 from the previous month. Increases were experienced in most industry divisions. The preliminary August figure was 2,200 higher than the year-ago level.

Goods producing employment stood at 82,900, up 300 from July and 800 over the August, 1990 figure. Construction displayed a moderate increase in heavy construction and special trade contractors. In manufacturing, fabricated metal products, machinery, petroleum and coal products, and other nondurable goods experienced employment gains. Mining held steady over the month.

Service producing employment moved up 800 from the previous month. Transportation, communications, and public utilities had small gains mostly in water and motor freight transportation. Trade employment was higher due to seasonal increases in the retail segment. Finance, insurance, and real estate moved forward. Services adjusted downward as several segments experienced small losses. Government eased down in the local government sector.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $464.84 per week, up $4.35 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 41.1, up 0.6 hours from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $11.31, down six cents from July, but $0.18 over August of last year.

Estimated unemployment was 40,400 for August. The unemployment rate registered 6.8 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits totaled 8,053.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	Aug. 1991*	July 1991**	Aug. 1990**	Net Change From July 1991	Net Change From Aug. 1990
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.5	133.1	131.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
GOODS PRODUCING	27.1	26.7	27.3	+ 0.4	- 0.2
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	6.6	6.6	6.4	0	+ 0.2
MANUFACTURING	17.5	17.1	17.8	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Durable Goods	12.0	11.6	12.1	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.4	0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	2.0	1.9	2.1	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	4.8	4.5	5.0	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Other Durable Goods	4.7	4.8	4.6	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	5.5	5.5	5.7	0	- 0.2
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- 0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
SERVICE PRODUCING	106.4	106.4	104.6	0	+ 1.8
TRANSP., COMM. & PUBLIC UTIL.	8.2	8.2	8.1	0	+ 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	33.1	33.0	32.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	25.3	25.2	24.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	6.7	6.7	6.3	0	+ 0.4
SERVICES	34.1	34.2	33.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	24.3	24.3	24.3	0	0
Federal	5.1	5.0	5.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
State and Local	19.2	19.3	19.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
State	6.4	6.4	6.5	0	- 0.1
Local	12.8	12.9	12.6	- 0.1	+ 0.2

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

The nonagricultural wage and salary employment total in the Shreveport MSA rose to 133,500, an increase of 400 from the previous month and up 1,600 from August, 1990. Goods producing employment was up 400 from July, 1991, while service producing jobs remained unchanged.

Goods producing employment rose to 27,100, up from the July, 1991 estimate of 26,700. Most of this increase was due to a plant returning to normal production after a temporary closing. Some of the increase from July to August was due to more activity in lumber and wood products, and primary and fabricated metal products employment.

Service producing employment, estimated at 106,400, showed no change over the month, but has increased 1,800 from the year-ago estimate of 104,600. During the past year trade showed the largest employment gain, up from 32,100 to 33,100. Finance, insurance, and real estate rose from 6,300 to 6,700 and services employment increased to 34,100, up from 33,800 one year ago.

An estimated 13,000 manufacturing production workers in the Shreveport MSA had average weekly earnings of $540.09, down $0.29 from July, 1991, and $69.79 more than one year ago. Average weekly hours rose slightly to 41.9, up by 0.3 hours over the month. Average hourly earnings dropped $0.10 in August.

The civilian labor force of 157,100 for this area included 145,800 employed and 11,300 unemployed. This resulted in an unemployment rate of 7.2 percent. The unemployment rate averaged 7.1 percent for a three month period (June, July, August) in this area compared to 6.4 percent for the same period one year ago.

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY 1991

	LOUISIANA			ALEXANDRIA AREA			BATON ROUGE AREA		
INDUSTRY	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	1,775	1,433	342	38	34	4	23	18	5
Contract Construction (15-17)	7,937	5,701	2,236	214	165	49	1,895	1,455	440
Manufacturing (20-39)	4,541	2,349	2,192	90	48	42	200	123	77
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	1,736	985	751	46	32	14	207	94	113
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	1,034	707	327	48	31	17	149	100	49
Retail Trade (52-59)	4,164	2,267	1,897	147	95	52	401	192	209
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	1,227	878	349	29	25	4	171	130	41
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	8,651	4,596	4,055	363	162	201	1,080	535	545
Public Administration (91-97)	1,178	571	607	75	44	31	128	53	75
All Others	116	54	62	2	2	0	58	24	34
Totals	32,359	19,541	12,818	1,052	638	414	4,312	2,724	1,588
OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	4,715	3,391	1,324	126	96	30	717	489	228
Clerical and Sales	7,153	4,820	2,333	220	169	51	905	587	318
Services Occupations	3,518	996	2,522	218	49	169	300	65	235
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	263	111	152	14	10	4	4	2	2
Processing Occupations	659	314	345	4	1	3	39	24	15
Machine Trades	1,733	1,190	543	68	54	14	172	132	40
Benchwork Occupations	1,142	479	663	40	11	29	47	33	14
Structural Work Occupations	8,392	5,654	2,738	201	150	51	1,732	1,230	502
Miscellaneous Occupations	4,784	2,586	2,198	161	98	63	396	162	234
Totals	32,359	19,541	12,818	1,052	638	414	4,312	2,724	1,588

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY 1991

	HOUMA-THIBODAUX AREA			LAFAYETTE AREA			LAKE CHARLES AREA		
INDUSTRY	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	176	146	30	253	197	56	44	34	10
Contract Construction (15-17)	182	163	19	111	81	30	518	397	121
Manufacturing (20-39)	200	134	66	181	97	84	664	392	272
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	88	76	12	53	41	12	63	41	22
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	44	37	7	56	43	13	40	25	15
Retail Trade (52-59)	149	100	49	207	106	101	179	116	63
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	22	19	3	41	31	10	18	14	4
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	185	130	55	322	188	134	245	178	67
Public Administration (91-97)	37	25	12	45	24	21	33	23	10
All Others	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	1,083	830	253	1,270	809	461	1,804	1,220	584

OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	144	119	25	240	194	46	178	146	32
Clerical and Sales	167	144	23	315	239	76	343	257	86
Services Occupations	102	52	50	163	46	117	90	36	54
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	15	7	8	6	3	3	8	5	3
Processing Occupations	93	72	21	65	31	34	55	27	28
Machine Trades	63	48	15	52	36	16	319	204	115
Benchwork Occupations	16	14	2	45	24	21	36	23	13
Structural Work Occupations	298	236	62	165	117	48	585	410	175
Miscellaneous Occupations	185	138	47	219	119	100	190	112	78
Totals	1,083	830	253	1,270	809	461	1,804	1,220	584

INSURED UNEMPLOYED BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION GROUP FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY 1991

	MONROE AREA			NEW ORLEANS AREA			SHREVEPORT AREA		
INDUSTRY	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE	TOTAL	WHITE	NON-WHITE
Mining (10-14)	15	14	1	138	99	39	118	91	27
Contract Construction (15-17)	173	141	32	1,709	1,107	602	231	149	82
Manufacturing (20-39)	122	79	43	864	388	476	451	216	235
Trans., Comm., & Utilities (40-49)	29	23	6	731	344	387	136	65	71
Wholesale Trade (50-51)	3	3	0	361	227	134	97	70	27
Retail Trade (52-59)	161	78	83	1,418	733	685	411	189	222
Fin., Ins., & Real Estate (60-67)	31	24	7	636	410	226	82	58	24
Services & Misc. (70-89 & 01-09)	324	158	166	3,190	1,714	1,476	707	365	342
Public Administration (91-97)	43	14	29	264	88	176	128	63	65
All Others	2	2	0	15	8	7	4	2	2
Totals	903	536	367	9,326	5,118	4,208	2,365	1,268	1,097
OCCUPATIONS									
Professional, Tech., & Managerial	159	115	44	1,782	1,237	545	350	266	84
Clerical and Sales	247	159	88	2,595	1,616	979	666	409	257
Services Occupations	123	21	102	1,201	301	900	322	72	250
Agri., Fishing, Forestry & Related Occ.	4	2	2	47	22	25	40	13	27
Processing Occupations	5	5	0	114	48	66	37	5	32
Machine Trades	63	41	22	334	231	103	132	82	50
Benchwork Occupations	26	17	9	312	62	250	154	82	72
Structural Work Occupations	167	124	43	1,837	1,071	766	318	189	129
Miscellaneous Occupations	109	52	57	1,104	530	574	346	150	196
Totals	903	536	367	9,326	5,118	4,208	2,365	1,268	1,097

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